

## The Words of Institution & Communion of the People

*The bread is gluten-free. The cup contains unfermented grape juice.*

*If you wish to receive communion where you are, please raise a hand  
after all who wish to come forward have done so, and servers will bring the elements to you.*

## The Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,  
You have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food  
of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living  
may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Hymn 150 (verse 3) “As with Gladness Men of Old”

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

## \*The Charge Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
And with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

## \*Blessing

## \*Postlude “The Star Proclaims the King is Here” arr. Cherwien

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

A **hearing loop** is active; set hearing aid to ‘T-coil.’ Scripture passages are from the NRSV. MPC is a congregation of the PC(USA), a Living Wage Certified employer, and an Earth Care congregation. **Please help us recycle.**

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS/SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY JANUARY 5, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

## Morning Meditation John 1:14,16

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.  
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

## Prelude “Coventry Carol” Lenel

## Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

## \*Call to Worship Jeremiah 31:7, 12

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
**raise shouts for the chief of the nations;**  
Come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
**and be radiant over the goodness of the LORD.**

## \*Hymn 143 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

*Nickel-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward during the singing of the hymn.*

## Prayer of Confession followed by silent prayer

**Creator God, in Christ, we receive redemption and forgiveness.  
You have given us the freedom to be reconciled with you;  
please help us accept it. You have given us the mandate  
to be reconciled with one another, please help us live into it.**

## Kyrie Eleison 150 (verse 1) “As with Gladness Men of Old”

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

**Assurance of Pardon and Response**

GLORY TO GOD

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Presentation of Elders-Elect and Constitutional Questions**

**The Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation**

**Statement to the Newly Ordained and Installed**

**Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (selected)

**Hymn 144**

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

**New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

**Sermon**

“To Live for the Praise of His Glory”

Keith Grogg

**Anthem**

“The Work of Christmas”

Thurman/Forrest

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flock,  
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal those broken, to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among people,  
to make music from the heart. When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flock, the work of Christmas begins.*

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

**Offertory**

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

Goss

*Ann Neel, flutist*

**\*Doxology 609**

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures, high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Hymn 347**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**The Invitation to the Table & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**