

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Christmas Reflections

L. Cornwall, Piano

VOTUM

CHORAL INTROIT *“Rise, Shine, Give God the Glory”*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

**The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of
your dawn.**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**A multitude of camels shall cover you; all those from Sheba shall
come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim
the praise of the Lord.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #155**

“There’s a Song in the Air”

***SALUTATION**

EXHORTATION TO SELF-EXAMINATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Matthew 1:21-23

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Kings"

Bob Dey, Bass

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1-9 (p. 150 OT)

Mark 1:1 (p. 27 NT)

CHILDREN'S TIME

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #163**

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

SERMON

"Beginnings"

Our Response to God

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(p. 12 Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Hymn #148

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Communion Prayer

Communion

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.)

Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

Communion Anthems

"Lord, Have Mercy" - Roberts

"Lord I have Seen Thy Salvation" - Cooper

Communion Thanksgiving

Responsive Reading #25

p. 495

***CLOSING HYMN #107**

"Father, Long Before Creation"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"Amen" - Smallwood

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Ron & Gayle Dellinger

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Bring your favorite Christmas Cookies

Next week's stewards (**January 12**):

Greeters: Matt & Ruth DenDulk

Ushers: Ron & Gayle Dellinger, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship:

CONSISTORY INSTALLATION

At our congregational meeting, Jane DeWitt and Ronald Dellinger were elected to serve as Elders on the Consistory. They are being installed this morning.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, January 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday's at Crossroads in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.