

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 31, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

L. Shout to God with songs of great joy!

P. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

L. God has made us whole.

P. God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

L. Come let us celebrate the love of God!

All. Let us praise God's name and serve God Joyfully. Amen

Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

We have to confess, O Lord, that we are people who want to have everything proven for us. We hear the message in the scripture of Jesus ascension, and we smile smugly, not truly believing the vision. Forgive us for our arrogant doubts and attitude of smugness. Help us remember that everything Jesus taught us was to prepare us to help build God's realm here on earth. We are called to be people of faith, not of absolute proof, as we understand it. Let us place our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us look with eyes of faith as he ascends to the Father. We pray in his name. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together

Children's Message:

Anthem

Service of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

ScriptureOT: Psalms 5:11, Psalm 150:1-5, Colossians 3: 15-17

Sermon:

Music Service by Austin and Linda

Responding in Faith

+Affirmation of Faith

+Apostles Creed

+Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

+Hymn of Commitment

"God Will Take Care of You"

Sending Out into the World

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Unity Presbyterian Church!

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

Calendar of Events

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