



Welcome to Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church!

EXALT GOD. ENGAGE NEIGHBORS. EQUIP DISCIPLES.

Service For The Lord's Day

December 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas Day

8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

AS THE CHIMES RING, PLEASE PREPARE YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP

We Gather Before God

Prelude

Mary Maldarelli, Guest Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Please sign the Guest Book in your row and pass it down.

Call to Worship

When you hear: "Give praise to God," please respond with: "**There is no God like our God.**"

***Hymn**

"On This Day the Earth Shall Ring"

#141

***Prayer of Adoration**

Worship leaders: Nadine Azie (8:45) and Alvine Epouemi (11:15)

Time with Children

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, as the year closes, we bring to you:

The things we meant to do and failed to complete...

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

The places we were too prideful, and also where we didn't give ourselves enough credit...

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

The times we chose our own way, and also the times we failed to believe in ourselves...

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

The things we ignored, where we should have spoken up...

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Our lack of faith...

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Hear our prayers, loving God. In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

*Congregation stands, if able

***Response**

“Joy to the World”

#134, verse 2

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13–22

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Leader: This is the Witness to God’s Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon and Conversation

We Respond to God’s Grace

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Response**

“He Came Down”

#137, stanza 1

He came down that we may have love, He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love, hallelujah forever more.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

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.

We Depart for Service

***Sending Song**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

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***Commission & Benediction**

***Response and Postlude**

The church will be closed December 26–28 and January 1–3, 2020.

There will be a volunteer in the church office on December 30 and 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please contact Kris Obom Maldarelli for any urgent pastoral care needs from December 29 through January 1.