

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*WORSHIP IN SONG *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* #143

INVOKING THE HOLY

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Silent confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI

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

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:1-18*

George Malone

SERMON *God Moves into the Neighborhood*

Sarah Whitfield

COMMUNION (*Intinction*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER | from *Matthew 6*

Note on language: When we pray to God as "Father" we are addressing the Creator in an intimate way, as a loving parent. There are many other names for God that you may choose to use in the spirit of this prayer. When we pray "thy kingdom come" we acknowledge that God's kingdom is an upside down kingdom that topples oppressive forces with power from below.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

SHARING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SONG OF SENDING *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* #154

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please remain seated*)

Joseph Cough

*Please Stand if you are able.

Following the service, a coffee hour is offered downstairs in the church vestry. Please join us for a time of fellowship.

We remember in our prayers: Debbie Miller, Marge Pooler, Steven Wijdzinski, the family of Mary Seigars, Grace and Susan Greene, Don Gage, George Greene, Rose Young, Ron Leeman, Joe Dee, Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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Second Sunday after Christmas
Open and Affirming Sunday

"God is still speaking"



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