

First Presbyterian Church
Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Hymn: *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful* No. 282

*Prayer of Confession: **Christ our Savior, you have empowered us to become children of God, but we doubt our power and our ability to create change. We excuse ourselves from necessary action citing priorities that are not yours. We deny the gifts and talents with which you have blessed us to embody love and work for justice. Forgive us, merciful God. Remind us how much we have to offer. Amen.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

*Alleluia! Alleluia! **Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14 Pg. 976, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:12–20 Pg. 525, Pew Bible

Special Music

Sermon Text: John 1:1–18 Pg. 886, Pew Bible
Sermon

*Hymn: *As with Gladness Men of Old*

No. 290

*Creed: The Second Helvetic Confession of 1566

The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to us in the world that God has now performed what he promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given us his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Micah Carlson, Mary Rushford,
Alan Wall, Karyn Daft

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Benediction

*Response: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* No. 267

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: No Sr. High Youth Group

Monday: No Soup Kitchen

Tuesday: 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Grade Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group

Saturday: 4:00p.m. Worship Service

The 2022 offering envelopes are on the table outside of the office.
If you want envelopes but didn't get any, please call the office.

The new church directory (a.k.a. A Church Family Photo Album!) is available for pick-up on the table outside the Church office.