

# The Service for the Lord's Day

January 2, 2022 | 8:45 & 11:00 am

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Everlasting Light* | arr. Brad Henderson

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Text Praise the Lord, O you people.

**We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!**

The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

**The Lord, the giver of life,  
has come to dwell among us.**

**\*HYMN** *Love Has Come* | Matt Maher

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Jesus. Amen.

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*The People Who Walked in Darkness, v.4* | ISAIAH 9

**For us now a child is given, for all the despised and forlorn.**

**The rule of compassion shall rest on His shoulder.**

**God's own Messiah is born!**

**His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God.**

**Father forever, Prince of Peace.**

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## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** Jeremiah 31:7-14

**SECOND READING** Psalm 147:12-20

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM** *The Prince of Peace* | Paul O'Neal

**SERMON TEXT** John 1:1-18

**SERMON** *The Light that Shines in the Darkness* |  
The Rev. Julia Fenn

## RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, or Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard on High* | arr. Don Chapman

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

### **CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Light of the World* | Lauren Daigle

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## SENDING FROM WORSHIP TO SERVICE

**\*HYMN** *Go Tell It On the Mountain* | arr. Don Chapman

### **\*CHARGE**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Go Tell It Instrumental* | arr. Don Chapman

### **Leading Worship Today**

The Rev. Julia Fenn, Parish Associate

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor

The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor

Kiersten Hill, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Confluence: Brendan Schuster, John Ruby, William Perkins, Paul Day-Lucore

Lindsey Kinney, Adam Kinney, Karl Allen, vocalists

Steve Cearley & Don Harlacher, Production

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\* The Congregation is invited to stand. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation

**Welcome visitors!** Thank you for coming to Wellshire this morning. We are glad you're here:

Join us after worship for a cup of coffee in the Narthex, right outside the Sanctuary.

Childcare is located on the lower level of the building. Don't hesitate to ask for directions.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the usher's table.

### We'd Love to be in Touch!

If this is your first visit or you need to update your contact information, please fill in this form. Tear off this panel and place it in the offering plate.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my email address to the weekly eNewsletter list.

OR, point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right and fill out the short Visitor Information Form. We would love to stay in touch with you!



## CALENDAR

- JAN 6** Enneagram Class begins
- JAN 23** Membership Exploration Class
- JAN 30** Used Book Sale
- MAR 6** First Sunday in Lent
- APR 17** Easter Sunday

### CONTACT

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 am — Contemporary Worship  
9:45 - 10:45 am — Christian Education  
11:00 am — Traditional Worship

### AFTERNOON / EVENING

4:15 - 5:00 pm — Youth Choir  
5:00 - 6:00 pm — Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 - 7:00 pm — High School Youth Group

### Adult Sunday School Classes

**Abide in Jesus:** Room 208: Explore the tools and practices of nurturing faith through discussions based on John Ortberg's YouTube videos "Passage to Wisdom". Discussions led by Beverly Granath.

**Clif's Notes: The Book of Revelation** Room 207: What does Revelation say about the times we're living in, and God's power in the face of our fear and uncertainty?

### Children's Sunday School

Children, toddler through 5th grade meet downstairs in their classrooms from 9:45-10:15 am, followed by choir practice from 10:15-10:45 am.

### Membership Exploration Class

Membership at Wellshire is open to ALL who affirm faith in Jesus Christ! Join the pastors for coffee and an informal information session and get-to-know-you. Sunday, January 23 at 9:45. Those interested in this formal commitment to faith in community would join in worship on Sunday, January 30. Contact: Rev. Katie Robb Davis at krobbdavis@wpcdenver.org.

**THANK YOU from the Hunger Task Force** and 104 grateful families for another successful Christmas Food Boxes Extravaganza. Because of your time, talent and treasure over 8,000 pounds of food, \$5,000.00 in King Soopers gift cards were packed and delivered to families in the metro area making their holidays brighter. The elves of the Hunger Task Force are looking forward to doing it again in 2022.

### Used Book Sale

Mark your calendar for our used book sale on Sunday, January 30th. Donations of used books may be left in the church library with a note designating their purpose.



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