



Worship Resources for January 1, 2023 New Year's Day Worship/Communion



Please gather the elements for Communion
before viewing the service.
Light the Christ candle in your Advent wreath.
Happy New Year!

Welcome

Opening Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Opening Prayer

***Good Morning, God!
How good it is to be here!
New life, new hope, new joy
await us in the New Year ahead.
Grant us grace and pardon
for what we leave behind;
instill in us the courage and vision
we will need for the days ahead.
In the Light of Christ, we begin!
Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Amen***

Scripture Readings

Psalm 148

Matthew 2: 1-15

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Gather at the Welcome Table: Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*God of beautiful light,
thank you for breaking into our lives
in Jesus, and entering our hearts through his body and blood.
With joy and confidence,
we begin this New Year at peace in His presence.
Emmanuel, God with us always,
shine in us and through us, we pray. Amen*

Closing Song "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from Heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

Benediction

Threefold Amen