



CHOSEN
HOME

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, January 2

All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!
*We ask that you please **wear a mask at all times while indoors**, out of an abundance of caution and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.*

Prelude

"Away in a Manger"
Pam Weis

arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

✠ Call to Worship

One: Jesus said,

All: "This is my Father's house."

One: So all are invited

All: to come just as we are.

One: We come into this space

All: with all that feels broken within us.

One: We come into this space

All: with all the gifts God has given us.

One: This is God's home and therefore

All: this is our home.

One: With all that we have and with all that we seek, let us worship God together.

Baptism

Montana Grace Alston
Mia Reese Ng

✠ Responsive Hymn

"Take My Life"
#597, stanzas 1, 5-6

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

After all that we've been through,
We're homesick for the world we knew but wanting more.
Help us know what's good and true –
That in our hearts, O God, it's you we're longing for.
As we seek to build your kin-dom far and near,
Give us hope that lets us know that you're still here,
Close to home, close to home.

Help us now prepare a place
In us, O God, for you a space to break right through.
In our action and our word,
May your great love be felt and heard and all made new.
As we lay a strong foundation on your way,
Give us peace that lets us know you always stay
Close to home, close to home.

Help us always make the choice
To cry out loud and be the voice that welcomes all.
Let us show the whole world how
To create change, 'cause here and now is where we're called.
We will work for justice and equality,
Give us joy that for our neighbors we might be
Close to home, close to home.

Help us set your Spirit free,
In your abundance, let us be your open arms;
Shelter from the endless storm,
A refuge where all might stay warm and safe from harm.
Let us be a sanctuary of your grace,
Give us love that we might always make this place
Close to home, close to home.

“Welcome home.” In our staying (“home”), in our going
 (“Home”), in our failing (“home”), in our growing
 (“Home”), in our doubting (“home”), in our knowing,
 You are here with us, calling us home,
 Home, home, home, home.

Children's Message

April Alston

† **Offertory Carol 251** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

† **Doxology** “Christmas Doxology”

OLD HUNDREDTH;
Words by Roger Lynn,
Music from the *Genevan Psalter*

**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace
Praise God for gifts of joy and love
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell
On earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Cathy Perkinson

Anthem “African Noel”
GBC Adult Choir

By Benjamin Harlan

Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel. (4x)
Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel! (2x)
Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel. (4x)
Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel! (2x)
Sing we Noel, sing we Noel!
Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel! (2x)
Sing we Noel, sing we Noel! (6x)

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

David Cross
Steve Rose

Sermon “Chosen Home”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Beth Cross

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

A Time of Response

✠ **Carol of Response 279** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

As you leave this service, your service begins:
Comfort the homesick.
Open your doors to others.
Seek sanctuary.
Be brave enough to go home by another way.
And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon.
In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—
go in peace.

Postlude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Pam Weis

arr. Pepper Choplin

*Thank you to Cranberry Tree Farms for their gracious donation of wreaths
and for the beautiful Chrismon trees in the Sanctuary.*

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This week's mission offering benefits Welcome House. Over the last few months Welcome House has been busier than ever welcoming refugees, not only here in Raleigh but across North Carolina. Greeting new refugees with friendly faces, warm hugs, a place to sleep and a warm meal upon arrival is only the beginning of the work being done by Welcome House. All across NC, apartments and houses are being transformed into homes for our newest neighbors. The cleaning products and paper goods that we collect will help fill welcome baskets as our friends begin a new life here in their **Chosen Home**.

Next week is our Epiphany Gift Exchange. On this day we will exchange *Gifts for the Journey*. As the Wisemen made their return journey **Home By Another Way**, their gifts were being treasured by a young family fleeing persecution and danger. As Joseph, Mary, and Jesus made their way to Egypt, I wonder if the gifts from the Wisemen reminded them that they were not alone, that they had friends praying for them and loving them from afar. Today we will share gifts with one another with this in mind, reminders that none of us are alone in this journey. We are a family, and we are on this journey together.

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(as of 12/21/21)

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- Duane Long
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- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson
- Carl Dawson's sister-in-law, Jo Dawson
- Sandra Hunt's father, Lloyd Parrish
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- Sylvia Cash's brother-in-law, Billy Walker
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- Sylvia Cash's friend, Juanita Luna

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*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love
by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6