

Astoria First United Methodist Church  
January 2, 2022

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*Second Sunday after Christmas*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*(\*please stand if you are able)*

<b>GATHERING MUSIC</b>		<b>Kristin Hammond</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		<b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>
<b>CENTERING MUSIC</b>	<i>“We Three Kings”</i>	<b>Kristin Hammond</b>
<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b>		<b>Sue Hicks</b>
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<i>(If you are able, please stand) (Read responsively)</i>	<b>Sue Hicks</b>
L: Come, all who would bear witness of the Word, let us worship!		
<b>P: For the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; Jesus was the Word.</b>		
L: And in Christ we were made whole and brought in the presence of God.		
<b>P: For the witness of Christ was of God, that all should know the Lord.</b>		
L: So let us lift our voices in song and praise, for God so loved us all.		
<b>P: Blessed be the name of the Lord!</b>		
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>		<b>Pastor Dave Kinman, retired</b>
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	<i>“Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18”</i>	<b>Sue Hicks</b>
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.		
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,		
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<i>“Mary Did You Know”</i>	<b>Kristin Hammond</b>

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

**UNISON PRAYER (congregation)**

**Sue Hicks**

**O God, through the giving of the Word become flesh in Christ, You have spoken to us of unlimited accepting love. Help us to have the courage to receive Your gift and to share it. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Congregation  
UMH #95**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

O God, in this time of giving of gifts, we bring these gifts to you. We pledge to strive to put them to good use, in the sharing of your love. Amen.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*(all verses)*  
**“Blessed Assurance”**

**Congregation  
UMH #369**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**“John 1:1-18”**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

**SERMON**

***“Have You Received The Word or Just The Words?”***

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Sue Hicks**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom (kin-dom) come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, (kin-dom), the power, and the glory, forever.  
AMEN*

**COMMUNION**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC  
as they join us for worship.**

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**January 9 – Pastor Michael** will be with us.

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**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.  
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.  
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.  
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**