

Astoria First United Methodist Church
December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

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

GATHERING MUSIC		Kristin Hammond
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mary Frances Gunn
CENTERING MUSIC	<i>“Still, Still”</i>	Kristin Hammond
WORDS OF WELCOME		Mary Frances Gunn
HYMN	<i>(all verses)</i> <i>“Love Came Down at Christmas”</i>	Congregation UMH #242
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(If you are able, please stand) (Read responsively)</i>	James Cook
Leader: Let us enter God's house this day to praise and worship the Lord.		
People: God heard our pleas and in Jesus came sharing the joy of divine love.		
Leader: In Jesus we saw God with us and the world would not hear his word.		
People: God's wisdom confounds even the wise among us, yet God loves us each one.		
Leader: Then let us celebrate with joyful hearts the wonderful gift of Christ.		
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!		

OPENING PRAYER **Pastor Dave Kinman, retired**

SCRIPTURE READING *“1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26”* **James Cook**

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joy to the World”

Kristin Hammond

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (congregation)

Lord, in his season of giving gifts, somehow we let ourselves overlook the greatest gift of all, our Savior. We would be busy exchanging or complaining and miss completely the peace and love You came to give us. Forgive us, Lord, for we have been unappreciative children. Touch our hearts anew with the true glory and wonder that is Christmas. In Christ we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

God hears our confession and continues to love each one of us.

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)
“What Child is This”

**Congregation
UMH #219**

GOSPEL LESSON

“Luke 21:41-52”

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

SERMON

“You Feed Them – They Grow”

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

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*

HYMN

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

Congregation

UMH #251

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

January 2 – Dave Kinman will be with us again.

One of the best ways we can continue to uphold Pastor Michael is to attend
worship in his absence.

**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.**