

**Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church** 301 Patton Avenue NW, Roanoke VA 24016

Second Sunday of Christmas

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**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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**John 1: 1-18**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.****2****He was in the beginning with God.****3****All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being****4****in him was life, and the life was the light of all people**.****5****The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

***6****There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.****7****He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.****8****He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.****9****The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

***10****He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.****11****He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.****12****But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,****13****who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*

**14**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. **15**(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) **16**From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17**The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18**No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known…

**Our Prayer List**

**Jon Barton, Rhonda Hale, Jim Slaughter,**

**Joe Loving, Jr, Thom Witting, Gabriela Rangel, Geri Tankersly**

**HOLY COMMUNION TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY CELEBRATION *Roanoke Justice Ministries (5th Avenue a founding church supporter)*  \*MONDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 7pm\* Hill Street Baptist Church, 111 Madison Ave NW**

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**We Gather**

**Musical Prelude** … Frederick Bolden (2)

**Greetings/Call to Worship** … Psalm 150 … Philip Claytor **1**Praise the Lord.Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in their mighty heavens. **2**Praise God for their acts of power; praise God for their surpassing greatness. **3**Praise God with the sounding of the trumpet, praise God with the harp and lyre, **4**praise God with timbrel and dancing, praise God with the strings and pipe, **5**praise God with the clash of cymbals, praise God with resounding cymbals. **6**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord…

**We Call Upon the Lord**

**Invitation in Song** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**Call to Confession** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

Christ invites us to the table of peace, even as we doubt. Christ invites us to the table of hope, even in our disappointment. Christ invites us to the table joy, even when we disbelieve and turn towards our selfish ways, even as we seek to deny others the opportunity to find their joy. Christ invites us to the table when we pray to change our ways. AMEN

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Allow our spirits to receive this rest: *for God so loved the world that the Lord gave the one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* The God of compassion delights in our joy and is saddened by our sorrow. The Lord gives us peace in our shame and comfort in our regrets. Let us know that in Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven. AMEN

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**  *Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

**Gloria Patri** … Frederick Bolden **Blessed Break** *(Let us greet one another in the name of Jesus)*

**We Share God’s Word**

**Scripture** … John 1: 1-18 … Michael Blankenship

**Reflect in Song** … Avery Bolden

**Message** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

**We Respond**

**Respond in Music** … Frederick Bolden

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE***

**Meditation**

**The Bread and Cup** (Let Us Break Bread … Frederick Bolden)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Affirm Our Faith** (Titus 2: 11-14) ***11****For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.****12****It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,****13****while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,****14****who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

**We Tell the Good News**

**Go in Peace** … Joyce Bolden

**Benediction** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

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**We count it a joy that you shared with us today!**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you,**

**May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you,**

**May the Lord turn to you and give you peace…**