

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 26, 2021 – 9:30am

• ***THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY*** •

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prayer of Consecration

Pastor William Hale

Christmas Praise in Music!

Minister Claude Carothers & Sister Wendy Young

The Collect – First Sunday After Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayer

Pastor Joshua Hale

The Scripture — Luke 2:41-52 (*New International Version*)

Pastor Melissa Hale

The First Sunday After Christmas Day — 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 • Psalm 148 • Colossians 3:12-17 • Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of hope for the God of hope has been revealed to us.

Congregants: **Christ is born in the city of David praise God with your whole heart.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of peace for the God of peace gives strength to us.

Congregants: **Christ is born in the city of David, bless God and God's people with peace.**

Leader: Sing for joy all ye people for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Congregants: **Christ is born in the city of David, shout a song of joyous triumph.**

Leader: Sing the love of God for Jesus is the greatest gift of all.

Congregants: **Christ is born in the city of David, his loving spirit has entered our troubled breast.**

Leader: We now light the Christ candle for in Christ, we have hope, peace, joy and love.

Congregants: **We celebrate today the birth of Christ.**

The Gloria Patri

*"Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen."*

The Word

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Altar Call

The Worship in Giving

Final Remarks

Doxology & Benediction

The Reverend Frederick E. Hale, Jr.

Pastor Joshua Hale

Pastor Melissa Hale

Pastor William Hale

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