

RESPONSE, *sung by all.*

James MacMillan (Scotland)
(b. 1959)

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,
Christ — have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church at this time.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Illuminating God, by the power of your Holy Spirit reveal to us through the reading of these words your Word become flesh, living among us full of grace and truth. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON—Ephesians 3:1-12

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†HYMN 245

The First Noel

TRAD. ENGLISH CAROL

†THE GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 2:1-12

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The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

OFFERING

*The congregation is invited to register attendance
by signing the registries found on each pew.*

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This

James Biery
(b. 1956)

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

†THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the spoken Sanctus...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join with them saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
HGod of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
In union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

The Celebrant continues...

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

†THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom 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,
and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Allergen-free elements are available at the front right station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 559

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Toccata - Sortie

Auguste Larriv
(1840-1925)

†Congregation, standing as able.

THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti
The Reverend Stacey Lundy
Mrs. Ginger Wyrick
Mr. Corey Basinger

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Guest Organist
Lector

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF EDNA AND RUSSELL EMERSON.
GIVEN BY THEIR CHILDREN MADELYN E. LONDON AND COLEMAN EMERSON.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES	Liam McGee, Nicholas & Riley Peltz
COMMUNION SERVERS	Janice & Gary Applewhite, Phillip Conrad, Jaudon Cline, Pam Leonard
ALTAR GUILD	Jay Hughes
OUTSIDE GREETER	Henry Buck
DOORSTEP VISITOR	Pam Leonard
USHERS	Ken Hollar - Captain, Jordan Alexander, Chuck Bowman, John Conrad, Jeff Daye, Pam Dixon, Van Kelly, Doug Leonard, Bill Linn, Andy Scott, Mel Smith
SECURITY	Gary Price & Bill Shaffer
NURSERY	Jennifer & Brent Seifert

THOSE SERVING JANUARY 12, 2020

ACOLYTE	Taylor & Lindsey Conrad, Autumn Walser
ALTAR GUILD	Gloria Matthews
OUTSIDE GREETERS	Henry Buck
USHERS	Ken Hollar - Captain, Jordan Alexander, Chuck Bowman, John Conrad, Jeff Daye, Pam Dixon, Van Kelly, Doug Leonard, Bill Linn, Andy Scott, Mel Smith
SECURITY	Court Drake & Jim Martin
NURSERY	Gloria Matthews & JoAnn Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome Mrs. Ginger Wyrick, our guest organist this morning.

The **Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at Longhorn Steakhouse, 1371 Klumac Rd. All are welcome!

Salisbury Youth (6th-12th grade) returns **tonight**, January 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. All youth are invited, even if tonight is their first time or they haven't been able to attend in a while.

Midweek at First Meal is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are required by Monday at 5:00 pm (christine@fumcsalisbury.org)**. Please submit your reservation each week for that Wednesday. This week's menu: *meatloaf, mac & cheese, turnip greens, slaw, roll, coconut pie.*

SAVE THE DATE

The **Rev. Bill Ragsdale** will present a program based on his newly released book, *The Persistence of Memory: A Faith Interpretation of Art Forms* at "Midweek@First" on Wednesday, **January 15**. Bill will gladly sign copies of his book for you.

The **Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, **January 28** at 6:00 pm.

February is that special LOVE month. Come join **Methodist Connection, February 11** at noon. Bring your delicious covered dish. Our program is the acclaimed Dancing Queens and Kings, a local group from Salisbury. This group boasts of 25 members. They will be joining us for the meal. It will be a fun time. Join us!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

First United Methodist Church will provide supper Thursday evening, January 9, 2020 and breakfast Friday morning, January 10, 2020 to clients at Rowan Helping Ministries. We have enough cooks but need volunteers to serve the supper from 6:30-7:30 pm and breakfast from 5:00 - 6:45 am. Please consider beginning the New Year by helping in this vital ministry. To volunteer contact Taffy Jordan at (H-704-633-4514) or taffyjordan@bellsouth.net.

Attendance for December 29, 2019

8:30am 44
11:00am 219

