

CMC Sunday
Receive Grace upon Grace
5 January 2025

We Gather for Worship

Prelude		AV
Carols of the Season		
"Silvery Star, Precious Star," CCS 419		Beyond the Walls Choir
"Star-Child," CCS 420		AV
Welcome		Jean Hedrich
Call to Worship		Congregation
Hymn of Praise	"Now in This Moment," CCS 96	Beyond the Walls Choir
Invocation		Becky Burns
Response		AV

We Listen to Learn and Prepare for the Sacrament

A Reading of Scriptures - Lighting the Christ candle in the Advent Wreath		
Reader 1	John 1:1-5	Bonnie Kohn
Reader 2	John 1:6-13	Sheryl Sawyers
Reader 3	John 1:14-18	Ralph Wineman
Communion Message		Michele McGrath
Hymn of Preparation	"Is There One Who Feels Unworthy?," CCS 526	Beyond the Walls Choir

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

New Year Reflection		Jean Hedrich
Prayer of Confession		Jean Hedrich
Communion Scripture	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	
Invitation to Communion		
Blessing of the Bread and Wine		Bill and Jean Hedrich
Serving of the Bread and Wine		Various

We Desire to Be Peacemakers and Responsible Stewards

Prayer for Peace		Jan Dowell
Disciples' Generous Response		Janiece Bollie
Receiving of Oblation, Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes		
Blessing of Oblation, Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes		

We Receive God's Grace for the New Year

Hymn for the New Year	"Go, My Children, with My Blessing," CCS 650	Beyond the Walls Choir
Benediction		Bill Howard
Response		AV
Postlude		

“Star-Child” CCS 420

Star-Child, earth-Child,
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child,
heaven’s lightning rod:

*this year, this year
let the day arrive
when Christmas comes
for everyone, everyone alive!*

Street child, beat child,
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know:

Grown child, old child,
mem’ry full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears:

Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child,
knowing joy in store:

Hope-for-peace Child,
God’s stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
Star of stars that shine: