



As the dawn breaks on a new year,
let us give thanks for all we hold dear:
our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger
and our pains, for these are nothing but
binding chains. Let us live each day in
the most loving ways, the God-conscious
way. Let us serve all who are in need,
regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding
in our hearts and to chant God's name
each day. Let us lead the world from
darkness to light, from falsehood to
truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one,
embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with
peace, prosperity and love. May God's
blessings shower upon you and bestow
upon each of you a bright, healthy
and peaceful new year."

REV. MARCY SHEREMETTA



*Happy birthday to Nola Hall & Yvonne
Ward for today; Kim Anderson on 31st*

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Welcome to Worship

**First Sunday after
Christmas**

29th December 2024

**We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to
have you worshipping with us today ...**

Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

Sentence: Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together
in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and
be thankful.

Colossians 3:14-15

Collect of the Day

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than tie of family
or blood: may we so respect and love those
whose lives are linked with ours that we fail
not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Today's readings:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Next Week:

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18



In Jesus, the extraordinary love of God has taken our “flesh” and “made his dwelling among us.” In his “Word made flesh,” God touches us at the very core of our beings, perfectly expressing his constant and unchanging love.
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First Sunday after Christmas - John 1:1-18

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us . . .

The Gospel for this first Sunday after Christmas is the beautiful Prologue hymn to John’s Gospel. With echoes of Genesis 1 (“In the beginning,” “the light shines on in darkness”), the Prologue exalts Christ as the creative Word of God that comes as the new light to illuminate God’s re-creation.

In the original Greek text, the phrase “made his dwelling place among is” is more accurately translated as “pitched his tent or tabernacle.” The image evokes the Exodus memory of the tent pitched by Israelites for the Ark of the Covenant. God sets up the tabernacle of the new covenant in the body of the Child of Bethlehem.

Christmas is more than a birth of a child, but the beginning of the Christ event that will transform and re-create human history, a presence that continues to this day and for all time.

*Happy New Year to one and all may the year
ahead be filled with God’s blessings*

Please pray for: Paul; Keena; Cheryl; Elsie; Isla;
Charlotte Marilyn; Cameron; Kieth; Bhav; Joyce; Gazza;
Derek; Kate; Heather & Colin; Eve

This week Johnny is with Jan Martin

