

# Call to Worship

Leader: Happy New Year! 2021 is on the next calendar page! Christmas symbols are still here – until Epiphany when our images change to depict a maturing Jesus. During these last four weeks, we've told our faith stories and our family memories; we've given gifts, as the magi gave gifts to the Christ Child and as God has given divine presence in Jesus of Nazareth.

**People: From him we learn to be God-bearers in this world.**

Leader: Our expectations have been met: God is among us in new ways.

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**People: Like angels, we sing to God; like shepherds, we honor God and all creation.**

**Leader Praise God! Hallelujah!**

**People: Light the Christ candle again to remind us that Christ is light for the world and banishes our own darkness!**

**Community Confession: Loving God – as we look back over this last year, we are aware of things we wish we had done differently.**

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**Sometimes we have not been hospitable;  
sometimes we have been stingy; sometimes  
we have spoken unkindly; sometimes we  
have been nasty.**

**Relieve us of guilt and help us to be aware of  
the opportunities when we can manifest your  
goodness in our homes, in our neighborhoods,  
and in our church.**

**Empower us with newly birthed delight and go  
with us as peace into the world. Amen**

I believe in God  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ  
his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead,  
and buried;

the third day he rose  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.