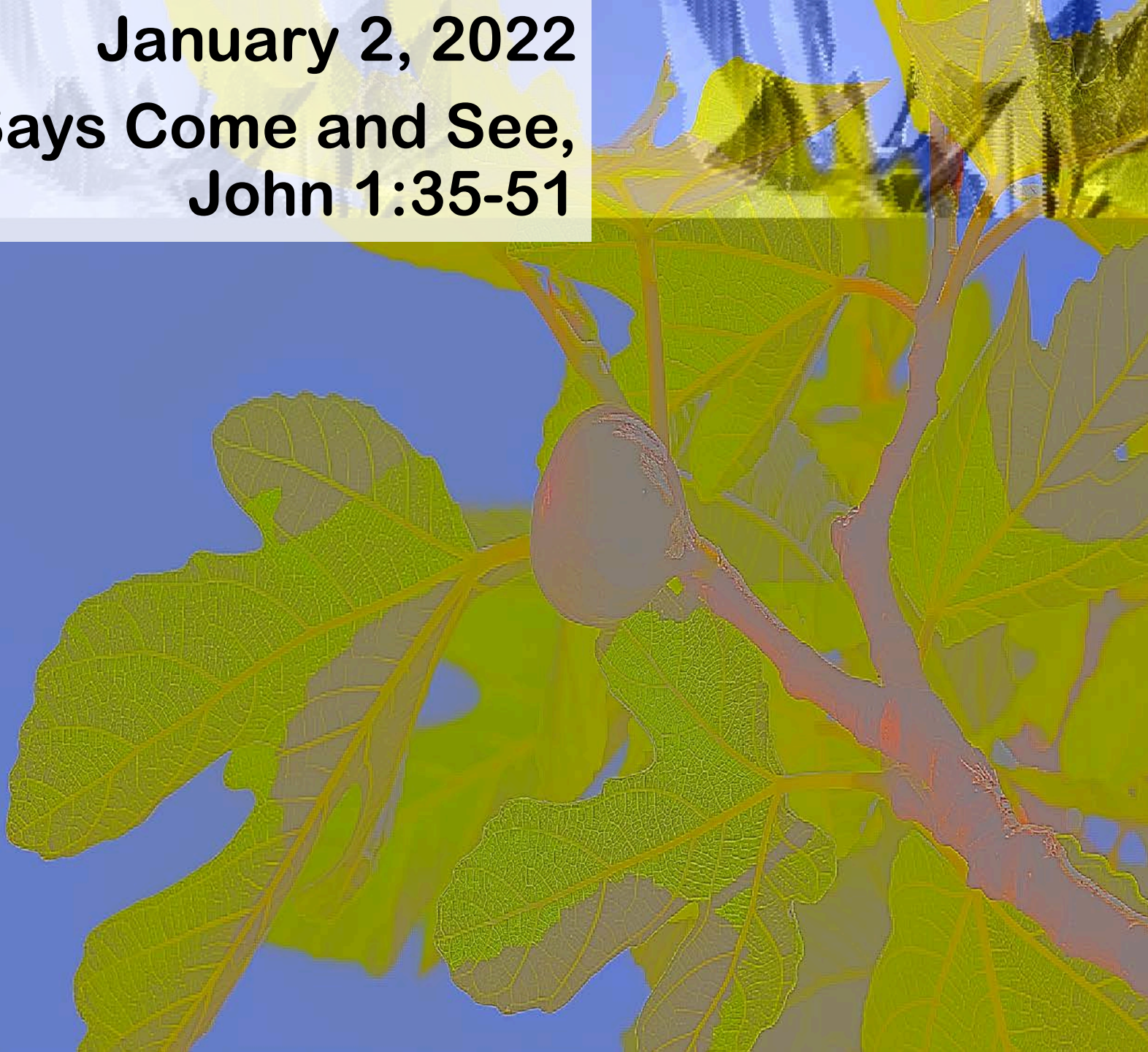


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**Jesus Says Come and See,
John 1:35-51**





Confession & Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful Lord,

C: We come before you with heavy hearts. We do not always follow our Savior's lead. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate; we scatter—preferring darkness to the brilliance of your truth.



Confession & Forgiveness

C: For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be made clean again. Amen.

L: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God's mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have received forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



* Hymn of Praise

We Three Kings

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* Hymn of Praise

**1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**



* Hymn of Praise

**2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.**

Refrain

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**



* Hymn of Praise

**3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High.**

Refrain

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**



* Hymn of Praise

**4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.**

Refrain

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**



* Hymn of Praise

**5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies.**

Refrain

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**



Prayer of the Day



L: Holy Lord, your word is compelling and your authority apparent. Draw us to yourself, and lead us forth in faith, to follow in your servant footsteps. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.





**R: The Gospel according to John, the
1st chapter.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)*



Text: John 1:35-51

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are



Text: John 1:35-51

you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).



Text: John 1:35-51

42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called **Cephas**” (which is translated Peter).

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” **44**Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45**Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about



Text: John 1:35-51

whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus



Text: John 1:35-51

answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”



Text: John 1:35-51

⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you O Christ!



Message





* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.



* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.



* APOSTLE'S CREED

C: 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.



• Installation of Church Council

P: The following persons have been elected by the congregation...

(As your name is read, please stand.)



• **Installation of Church Council**

P: In Holy Baptism...

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council Members: Yes, by the help of God.



• Installation of Church Council

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: Yes, by the help of God.

P: I now declare you installed as *officers, council members, and delegates* of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen!



* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Guiding God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.



* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: We do not always see the result of the prayers we offer, O Lord. May it be enough that you have heard us, and that your Holy Spirit acts on behalf of all who ask. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.



* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

C: And also with you.



• Offertory Prayer





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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is by pre-filled kits. All the Baptized are welcome to celebrate this Holy Meal.

Please do not open the Communion Chalice until instructed to do so.



* DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and
praise.**



* Preface

P: It is indeed right...

...join their unending hymn



*** Sanctus**

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



*** Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life...

... in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.



*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We are united into one Body by this heavenly food, so let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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,



*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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 and ever. Amen.



* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: God's love fills us every time we gather to share in the meal of grace. God's light shines through us when we participate in this celebration of God's love. Come to the table that has been prepared for you.

Please dispose of the empty cup in the trash receptacle on your way out of the Sanctuary.



*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever...

C: Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen



- **Announcements**



Come
and see

JOHN 1:35-50



* Sending Hymn

Angels From the Realm of Glory

LBW 50



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**1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**



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SENDING HYMN

LBW 50

**2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**



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**3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**



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**4 All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**



*** DISMISSAL**

P: Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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