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The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday After Christmas

January 3, 2010

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Let all who seek You
rejoice and be glad in You.
Let those who love Your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

(Psalm 70:4)

VOLUNTARY

Noël Grand Choeur
Fred Gaul, organist

Jean-Jacques Charpentier

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Hopta

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
People: let all the peoples praise You.
Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
People: and guide the nations upon earth.
All: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
(Psalm 67:3-5)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Word
(See insert)

words: Amy Grant
music: Michael W. Smith

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him: Christ the Lord!
We'll praise His name forever. We'll praise His name forever. We'll praise His name forever: Christ the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him: Christ the Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

O God of light, we have welcomed the shadows of night to hide us from Your truth and obscure the way You want us to live. We have accepted abundance from Your hand without giving thanks and have destroyed Your bounty rather than shared it. We have denied our identity as Your children and our kinship with all to whom You have given life. Forgive us, O God, and grant light for our paths. Direct us in the way You want us to go, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Barbara Hopta

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 68

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

We Three Kings of Orient Are

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We come as Your children, eager to offer the gifts You have entrusted to us in Christ's service.
Receive us as partners with all Your saints in reaching out to those in need. May our offerings
witness to the One through Whom the Eternal becomes a present and transforming reality. It is
in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

