

The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

10:30 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, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.



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 in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike; old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; for his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 148

PRELUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Dale Wood

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christian Johnson

*HYMN OF PRAISE 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ginna Taylor

*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 give Him all the glory. We'll give Him all the glory.
We'll give Him all the glory: 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

Ginna Taylor

Great God, forgive us our doubt: our lack of trust that You will fulfill Your promises and our lack of trust that You are with us, even though You sent Your Son that we might know You. Transform our short-term joyful celebrations of Christ's coming into a glorious, worshipful response, that we might serve You, the Incarnate God, and continue to spread the good news of Your coming to the ends of the earth.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Christian Johnson

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jean Davis

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 148

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

EVENING HYMN

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Ginna Taylor

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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

Christian Johnson

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

March of the Magi Kings

Theodore Dubois

*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

Ginna Taylor

Thank you, God, for Your mercy and protection, for feeding us physically and spiritually, for caring for us like a shepherd. We present our offerings as an act of gratitude, and dedicate ourselves and these gifts to honor Christ through ministry in the world. Amen.

