

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, December 31, 2017

The Christian Year: The First Sunday after Christmas Day

10:30 AM Morning Service

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14*

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship** **Luke 2:10-11; Rev. 21:3**

Minister: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!

People: Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them, and be their God.

Unison: Praise be to the Lord!

***Hymn of Adoration** **No. 208**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful
(verse 4 a cappella)*

Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the same Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

***Gloria** **Tune: Regent Square**

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.
Consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 2:1-5, 12-22**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 195**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His name, you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Father, we pray for your Church that she may be revived.

People: We pray for all pastors and missionaries.

Minister: We pray for family, neighbors and friends who do not know Christ.

People: We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority.

Minister: We pray for any who are sick, bereaved, broken and burdened.

People: We pray for the children of our church, that all of the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in their lives.

Unison: And we pray, O Lord, for our church. Give us grace both to love and do all that you call us to.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: "But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.'"

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 224**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** **Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** **Luke 2:22-40**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon **Rev. Mike Glodo**

"THE BLESSEDNESS OF WAITING"

***Hymn of Response** **SH No. 18**

Prophets' Words Foretold a Savior

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism will resume January 14.