



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2012

Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship. Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God our holy Friend, with wonder and joy we come before you. We come from the aftermath of Christmas celebrations, contented though weary, relaxed and thankful. Please do not allow the glory of Bethlehem to slowly fade from our focus, but let it illuminate all our worship, home life, and service in the wider world. In the name of your holy Son. Amen!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *In Dulci Jubilo – Four Faces of a Folk Song* Eleanor Whitsett
1. Announcement: Christ Is Born
2. Shepherds, Haste!
3. Lullaby
4. Dance of Joy

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148:1, 7, 12)
Praise the Lord!
Praise God in the heavens.
Praise the Lord from the earth!
**Young and old alike,
men and women together.**

*CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of wonder,
you surround us with signs of your glory
and surprise us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and make us alert
to the ways you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to your good news
and proclaim your extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:41-52

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MESSAGE *One Hundred Tons of Ice* Tracy L. Evans

CAROL *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* 46

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

O God of Love,

draw us together in peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 22, v. 4

DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CAROL

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Emma Lou Diemer

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for January 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

The Urban Mission item of the month for December is **cereal**. The item of the month for January will be canned meat: tuna, chili, ham, etc. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

End of year giving: As the end of the year approaches, we would like to remind you that contributions are deductible in the year they are made. Checks must be received by the church or postmarked before January 1, 2013 to be included in this year's contribution statement.

For Sunday, January 6, the worship committee has planned a special service for **Epiphany**, the day we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to the Christ child. You are invited to bring your own wise men (or women!) from a favorite nativity for that day's worship.

SUNDAY **December 30**

10:30 A.M. – Chancel Choir rehearsal
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

MONDAY **December 31**

Office Closed for New Year's Eve

TUESDAY **January 1**

Office Closed – Happy New Year!

WEDNESDAY **January 2**

No Wednesday Night activities

THURSDAY **January 3**

10:00 A.M. – Serve at Food and Shelter, Inc.

SUNDAY **January 6**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service – Communion
3:30 P.M. – Worship & Music Committee