

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 25, 2016

10:55 a.m.



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Christmas Day

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*God, you spoke
and your Word became flesh,
breathing a new song of joy and praise
into the world.
Grant that we may bear the good news
of your salvation,
proclaiming your promise of peace
to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Hark! The Herald Angels Sing John Leavitt

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
The Word became flesh to live among us;
now we have seen the glory of God.
Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE O Come, All Ye Faithfull 133

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God-with-us, we confess
that we have not embraced your love.
Christ has come into the world,
and yet we do not know him.
He has called us to be his own,
and yet we do not accept him.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Show us your mercy and truth
until we know in fullness
your good news of great joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Angels We Have Heard on High(refrain) 113

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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John 1:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

Word Became Flesh

Tracy L. Evans

ANTHEM

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that the church is called to be
the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.**

**We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella

David Hagerty

*DOXOLOGY

All Creation Join in Praising

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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!

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION SONG In the Bleak Midwinter 144

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

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

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC Of the Father's Love Begotten Wilbur Held

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Joy to the World 134

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Toccata on Adeste Fidelis Page Long

*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 1: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalms 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for December is Peanut Butter. Please place your

donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Lucy Lanning and Charlotte Lovett.

Communion servers for today's service are John Beck and Michael Yeager.

SUNDAY

December 25

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion

MONDAY

December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

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