

First Sunday After Christmas December 28, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (each person prays silently)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME Steve Lowe

*INTROIT #133 *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* Wade, 1743

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise God from the heavens!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
 Let us praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted about earth and heaven. Alleluia!

*HYMN #143 *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* Montgomery, 1816

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus our Lord came into an indifferent world, yet his life revealed the inner thoughts of many. Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we may receive release from our sin.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LORD HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels, God covers us with the robe of righteousness.

We know that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and we will live as God's beloved.

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the* #580

*Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 148: 1-14 Bibles, p. 550/LG. p.716

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #115	<i>“Away in a Manger”</i>	Murray, 1887
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SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 22-40 Bibles, p. 55/ LG. p. 71

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

SERMON *“Praise God!”* Jimmy Chapman

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

- The Nicene Creed

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Sending

*HYMN #113 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* Chadwick, 1860

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #134 *“Joy to the World”* Watts, 1719

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week's prayers and concerns: Tolly, Jane, Diane & Mike Dill, Kelly Weaver's sister, Neil Pennal, Kim Pennal, Debbie Murphy, Jack Clark, Billie Manck, Joyce Huggins, all those traveling for the holiday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

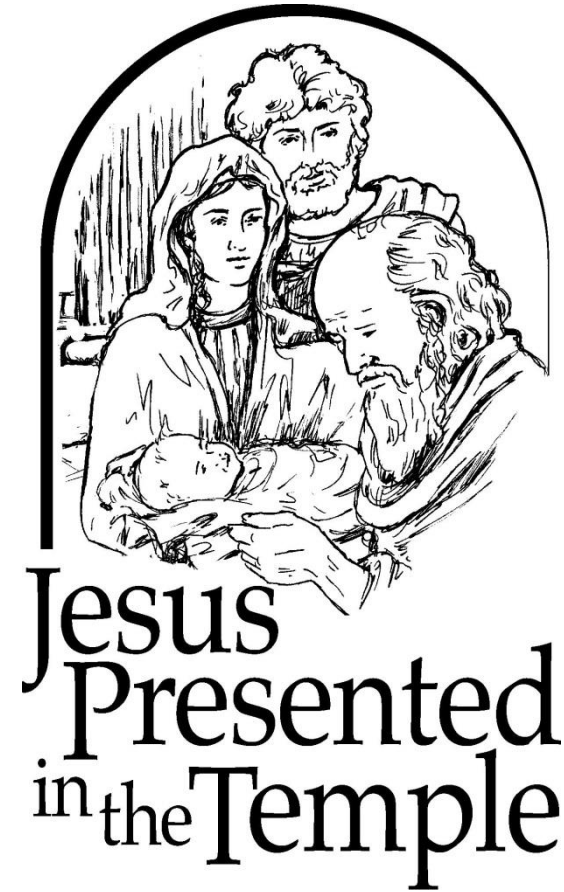
Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Mon. 12/29	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Thurs. 01/01	Office Closed for New Years	

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