

# Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2015

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

**"Gesù Bambino"**  
(Mark Reeves, Handbells)

Pietro Yon

WELCOME

Claudia Morgan-Gray

\*INTROIT #133

**"O Come All Ye Faithful" (Refrain only)**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

"This is the temple of the Lord.

***We have come to seek God's blessing.***

This is the house of the Holy One.

***We have come to praise God's name.***

***Let us worship God!"***

HYMN MEDLEY

#134 **"Joy to the World"**

#133 **"O Come All Ye Faithful"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jimmy Chapman

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***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.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

***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.***

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Bibles, p.235/LG. p.305

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN MEDLEY

#140 **"Once in Royal David's City"** #128 **"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

Bibles, p.55/ LG. p.72

The Gospel of our Lord

***Thanks be to God***

MEDITATION

**"In My Father's House"**

Jimmy Chapman

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***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 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 worshipped 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***

*The Nicene Creed 1.1-.3*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***O Christ, our light, hear our prayer.***

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”*  
Cindy Ratliff

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #136

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Jane & Tolly Dill, Diane Dill, Michael Dill, Cindy Ratliff, Debbie Murphy, Jack Clark and family

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon. 12/28  
Thur. 12/31  
Fri. 01/01

Pipeline Deadline  
Noon is the Deadline for Final 2015 Gifts  
Church Offices Closed

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Custodian: Bob Schauwecker Nursery Attendant: Martha Baughman



Jesus grew in wisdom  
and stature, and in favor  
with God and man.

LUKE 2:52, NIV

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