

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2016

Enter the House of the Lord in awe and reverence.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Glory to God is the Highest! And on earth, peace.

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Psalm – Prelude”

Hebble

WELCOME

Bill Stanley

\*INTROIT #124

“Still, Still, Still” (v.1)

Evans, 1963

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone.

*This is a time for beginnings, a time to encounter the Creative God once again.*

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

*and we have seen God’s glory,*

the glory of the Father's only Son,

*full of grace and truth.*

Therefore, let us worship our God and our King.

*We have come to worship the Word made Flesh!*

\*HYMN #143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Smart, 1867

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Why do we huddle in the shadowed corners of life, rather than running to the Light of life? Why do we love the wrong we do rather than grasping the good news offered to us? As we struggle with such questions, let us speak to God of all we have failed to do, seeking hope and grace as we pray. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We search for your light, Holy One, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success,*

*fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, or of peace. Forgive us, Mighty Sovereign, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We will stand up with joy! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us, for we have been forgiven by Jesus himself!

*This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet, this day and each day. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

\*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

Psalm 147: 1-12

Bibles, p. 549 /LG. p. 715

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #150

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Dix, 1858

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1-14

Bibles, p. 86/ LG. p. 111

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“In the Beginning – the Word”

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the ‘just seed of David,’ the ‘Angel of the great counsel of God,’ the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined into one person.” This, we believe, Amen.*

– The Scots Confession 3.06

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Lead, Kindly Light”* Hebble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

*Sending*

\*HYMN #152 *“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”* (v. 1-3) Coffin, 1736

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #134 *“Joy to the World!”* (v.1) Watts, 1719

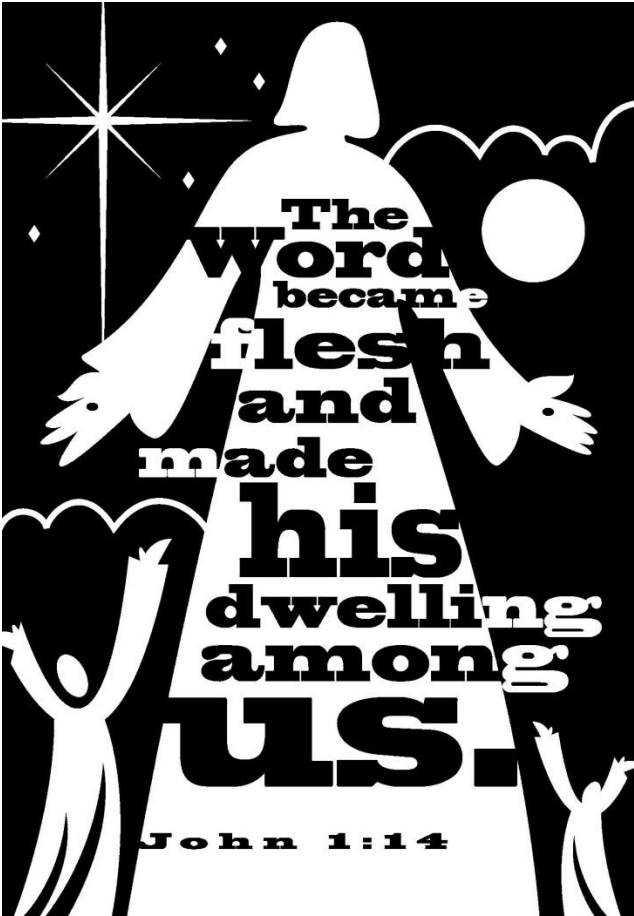
POSTLUDE *“Prelude and Fugue in Bb”* J.S. Bach  
(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**Into the Church Triumphant**  
**Jane Newton Dill**  
*April 17, 1935 – December 24, 2015*

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Sun. 01/10	Robert Adamson Preaching	
Sat. 01/16	MLK Worship Service	6:00pm

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