

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

By your Holy Spirit, speak to our hearts so that we may live as your beloved children, proclaiming the joy of redemption to all. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

John Hillin

*INTROIT #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v.1)

Wesley, 1739

*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 above earth and heaven.

Alleluia!

*HYMN #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (v.2-3)

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. First, silently, and then with the Unison prayer.

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 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. Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God's beloved.

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

Galatians 4:4-7

Bibles, p.178/LG. p.231

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #157

"I Danced in the Morning"

Carter, 1963

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-40

Bibles, p.55/LG. p.71

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"After Christmas"

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 for 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 worshiped 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #136 *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* (v.1&2) Work II, 1940

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #136 *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”* (v.3)

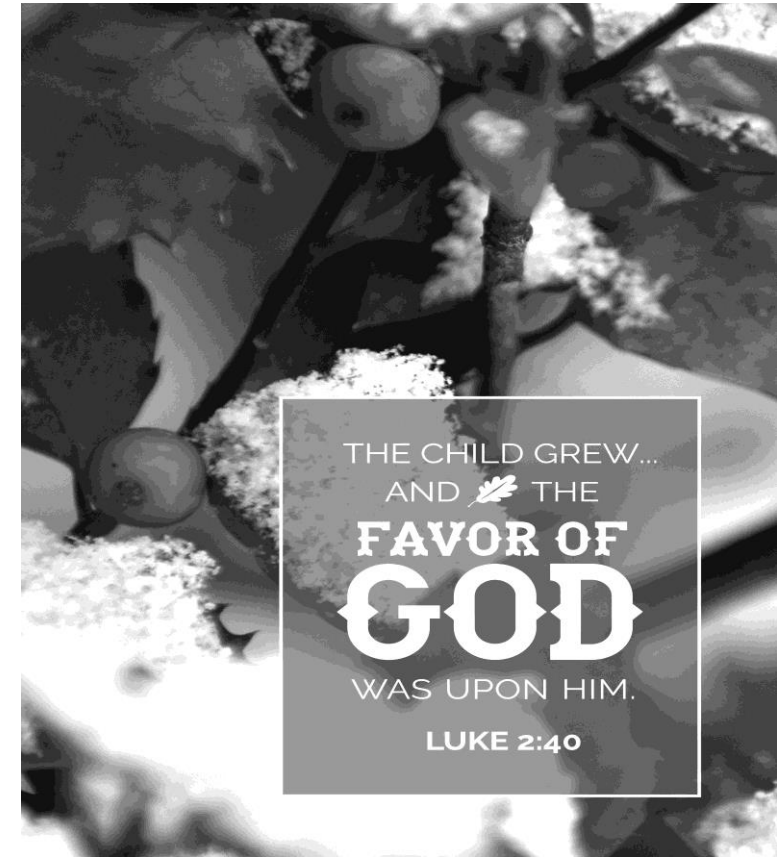
POSTLUDE Selected

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

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Dorothy Maloney, Billie Manck, Jan Mims, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Mon. 1/1 & Tues. 1/2 | Church Office Closed for New Year’s Holiday |
| Sun. 1/7 | Communion |



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