

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30 a.m.

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND GATHERING PRAYER

Psalm 148

Psalms Anew

Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights;

praise God, all you angels; praise God all you heavenly hosts.

Praise God, sun and moon, praise God, all you shining stars.

Praise God, you highest heavens; praise God all the earth.

Let all peoples praise the name of the Lord.

His name is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, rekindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 145 (*standing*)

What Child Is This

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*standing*)

O God, in you there is no variableness or shadow of turning. You have brought us through the ending of one year and given us the gift of a year ahead. We are thankful that in your grace the life of faith is filled with new beginnings. We confess our shortcomings in the year past—those sins of commission and omission that cause harm to others and miss the mark of your will. Help us by your Spirit to remember those failings and live for you and the gospel in the year before us. In the name of Jesus we make our confession.

CANTAI AO SENHOR
Adapted Gary Hill 2017

Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy up - on us; Have mer-cy, O
Christ, have mer-cy up - on us; Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy up -
on us; Have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON AND RESPONSE OF PRAISE *(standing)*

WERDE MUNTER

"Com-fort, com-fort now my peo-ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.
To my peo-ple now pro-claim that my par-don waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cov-er, and their war-fare now is o-ver."

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

We'll sing the three carols listed below, and then take requests from the congregation. This is your opportunity to sing your favorite that may have been neglected in the season!

128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

141 On This Day Earth Shall Ring *(stanzas 1 & 4)*

115 Away in a Manger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Grant us, O Holy God, pure hearts to love what you love. Turn our thoughts from the mundane to the sacred that we may meditate on the truth of your word; for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Cathy Chihocky

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Cathy Chihocky

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

The First Christmas (the real story)*

Rev. Deane Kemper

**As explained to you by your kind and gentle transitional pastor*

HYMN 132 *(standing)*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)*

A Brief Statement of Faith

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Isn't He/Crown Him

Wimber/DaMazio

DOXOLOGY *(standing)*

GLORIA

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 134

Joy to the World

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