

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 27, 2009

11:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before we begin worship, we'll take care of the "news of the day".

MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

Because we strive to become a mission church

THE PRELUDE

Preparation for worship; a quiet time...

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**P: those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

L: You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

P: We will rejoice and praise God for his salvation!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 22 Angels From the Realm of Glory

A TIME FOR MEDITATION

This is a moment of silence while we prepare to confess our sins before God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our sins as the people of God, the body of Christ

Oh God, we have unwrapped our gifts and eaten more than our share of holiday food and sweets, yet we admit that we are empty without you. Forgive us if we have forgotten the Christ Child as we have rushed about shopping and attending

parties. Continue to stir us by your Spirit that we will remember those who share little of the abundance of this Season, and remembering, do something that will bring cheer and relief to those who need it. Hear us now as we silently search our hearts for that for which we need your forgiveness.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

We confess our sins in silence as those created in the image of God.

Thank you, dear God, that in the Christ Child you came to cleanse us of sin and give us the power to live lives that reflect your great love. In his name, then we would claim that forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In this recognition of our mortality, we are reminded of God's mercy

L: Hear the good news. God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation.

P: Thanks be to God, who in Jesus Christ has overcome and forgiven our sin.

+PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The forgiven people of God may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ from each other.

SOLO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Because we desire God's Word only.

Gracious God, as you spoke to your people in previous ages, so let your Spirit enable us to hear your word once more. In the name of Jesus, your Living Word, we pray. Amen

THE LESSONS FROM THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS

God's Word read aloud.

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 6

Luke 2:41-52

THE SERMON He Was One of Us:
The Scandal of the Incarnation
Contemporary exposition of the Word of God

Dr. Edward McNulty

HYMN READING "Carol of the Epiphany"
Congregation please join soloist in speaking the 5th verse.

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THE SERVICE OF GIVING

This is the time when we bring our sacrifice before the Lord.

Signing the Friendship Register Prayer of Dedication Offertory

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

What is on our minds and in our hearts this morning?

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

This prayer is informed by our Joys and Concerns, but not exclusively.

+HYMN 46 On This Day Earth Shall Ring

+THE CHARGE

A challenge placed before the people of God. A reminder that we are not to leave what we have heard and done here this morning, but to take it with us into the world.

+THE BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, for you...

+ THE POSTLUDE

A time of thoughtfulness, meditation and quiet

+ All who are able may stand