

that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith
Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily

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tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

+Song *What Child is This? (refrain)*

This, this is Christ the king

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing

Haste, haste to bring him laud

The babe, the son of Mary

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

(Prayers are given, silence is kept.)

God of compassion, you have given us Jesus Christ, the great physician, who made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore us to wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going into the World

+Hymn *Joy to the World!* #40

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

WORSHIP



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
December 30, 2018
+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship and Opening

Prayer *Psalm 148*

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

P: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, ⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for the Lord's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

P: God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Praise the LORD!

Let us pray: **God of all creation, we do praise you, for you are the God whom we adore. Grant to us the ability to know your ways and follow them that we may be known as your people. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

+Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #41

What do you see in Jesus that is like yourself? What do you see in yourself that is like Jesus?

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess to you that we have not lived as your people by reflecting the love that you have for us onto others. We debate the worth of other human beings as if we are worthy ourselves; we ignore injustice because justice is too inconvenient for us to deal with. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and lead us to lead lives of justice and joy that will transform our world into your new creation. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: ²Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out and not forsaken. Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response *Angels we have Heard on High (refrain)*

Gloria! In Excelsis Deo!

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The Peace

L: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy

Spirit show us the Word made flesh— good news of great joy for all— so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture Colossians 3: 12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hymn *Star Child* STF2095

Gospel Reading Luke 2:42-51

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming