

widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”

- A Message in Song:

The story behind the hymn

What Child is This?

#162
- The story behind the hymn

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

#150
- The story behind the hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

#153
- The story behind the hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

#167

Preparing for a Week of Serving

- *The Closing Hymn:

Angels We Have Heard on High

#155
- ~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

*The Blessing, Alleluia & Benediction:

Postlude:

Tina Andersen

Offerings for December 24, 2017			Worship Assistants for December	
Operating	\$6,989.00		<u>Church Guardians</u>	Greeters:
Designated	\$3,495.43		Jeff Kline (12/31)	12/3 - Andy & Pam Hamblin w/
Attendance	10am	196	Ben Moe (1/7)	DJ Melhouse & Greyson
	10pm	140	Fred Dickson (1/14)	Tsusaki
			Jeff Farren (1/21)	Acolyte: Aidan Donahue
			Andy Hamblin (1/28)	12/10 - Gere Ryerson & Sandy
				deRidder w/Chanel
				Bravo & Cayla Pottinger
			Liturgist: Jim Davis	Acolyte: Mariana Olvera
				12/17 - Ron & Deb Bezroukoff w/
				Luke DeFuss & Owen
				Shatters
				Acolyte: Alexia Prochaska
				12/24 @ 10am - Jo Pierce &
				Tess Tsusaki
				12/24 @ 10pm - JoAnn Vitek &
				Jean Anderson
				12/31 - Art Prochaska & Linda
				Melhouse



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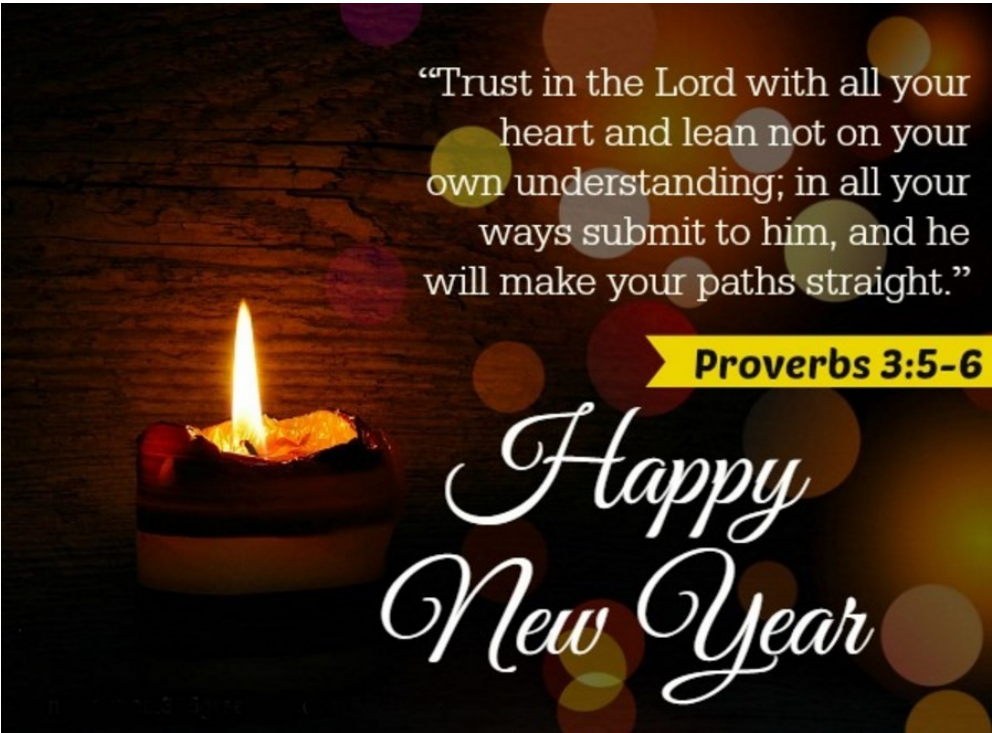
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Ministers: The Congregation

Worship: 10:00 A.M.

December 31, 2017



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Songs and hymns refresh the body. Hymns invoke the spirit to rise to its maker for strength. When we live in a day without a hymn or a song, we disregard the essence of the day. ~Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

One of the things that is wonderful about hymns is that they are a sort of universally shared poetry, at least among certain populations. ~Marilynne Robinson

Coming Together to Worship in Song

Prelude: Tina Andersen, Organist
Lighting the Path
Ringing of the Bells
Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Introit: O Come All Ye Faithful Chalice Hymnal #148
Call to Worship
Leader: As people of God, we are comforted and challenged by Jesus Christ.
People: Jesus calls us to demonstrate our faith in our daily living.
Leader: In Christ, we affirm and encourage the gifts of everyone.
People: Together we engage with the community in acts of compassion and service.
Leader: Come, let us worship God.
All: Let us participate in the ongoing glory of God’s grace and goodness.

*Opening Hymn: Away in a Manger Chalice Hymnal #147

Prayer of Adoration and Praise:
Mirror of God, by light and word, you come to me, so I can hear well enough to listen to your songs all around me, and see well enough to know your grace and truth. In promise and hope, you call me, trusting that I will accept the joy delivered to me and count on the fulfillment of your dreams for me and for all that was created through you. In your name I pray, O Christ, Amen.

*The Gloria Patri: Chalice Hymnal #35

*Passing of the Peace:
With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

Bill Andersen	Mary Cass	Family of Joe	Jean Martin
Brad Andrus	Doc Coleman	Hudgins	Ed Niesen
Michelle Atwood	Dee Cruise	Norm Kuhman	Joanne O’Brien
Bill Behrens	Bob Freeman	Sandy Lindblom	Ethel Perkins
Lynn Belcher	Mary Freeman	Mazie Marshall	Sandy Veselka

Coming Into the Presence of God

Sharing our Joys & Concerns - The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer:
Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Response: Mary Did You Know? (See Screen)

Responding to God’s Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering
Offertory Hymn: O Holy Night (See Insert)

*The Presentation - The Doxology:
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:
Searching God, relentless God of love, you lured me into the center of your love and changed my life. I give of my means and of my time to help others see the rays of your light that will allow them to see the fuller light. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Anthem: Silent Night Chalice Hymnal #145

Scripture Lessons: Luke 2:22-40
When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a