



The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship 1st Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2012

11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

VOLUNTARY

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Wilbur Held

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Bill McCoy

*RESPONSE

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him: Christ the Lord!
We'll praise His name forever. We'll praise His name forever. We'll praise His name forever: Christ the Lord!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him: Christ the Lord!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Emmanuel, God with us,
in the frenzy of holidays we rush about blindly,
forgetting that in Christ we have seen our salvation, which You so freely give to all.
Forgive us for so quickly losing sight, and restore our vision,
that we may truly see the gift of salvation born among us, and tell the world of Your good news.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Barbara Hopta

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

Our Father who art 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. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Wilbur Held

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Barbara Hopta

For all we have inherited from Your hand, for making us in Your own image, for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ, we give You thanks, glorious God. May our service and our offerings reflect our gratitude, that this world may become a place where Your reign is realized.

