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The Celebration of Worship Christmas Day

December 25, 2011

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2-7

VOLUNTARY

The FPC Lyres Club

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN 59

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CHRISTMAS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*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!
For He alone is worthy. For He alone is worthy. For He alone is worthy: 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

God of the commonplace, we confess that we have been impressed by power and authority. We do not expect to meet You in the poor of the land, in cold barns, or on lonely duty watches. We are slow to hear the angels or to embrace the "good news of great joy." We hesitate to leave our chosen tasks to share in Your larger purposes. Forgive our lack of trust. Renew us in the Holy Spirit, we pray.

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

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Jim Roberts

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

Jim Roberts

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

Pastorale

David Schack

*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

Thank you, God, for coming to us in a human life so expressive of love that two thousand years have not extinguished the flame. May that love burn so brightly in our lives that its fires will spread. Use our offerings to ignite in the world such caring and compassion that all may know joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:8-14, Pew Bible, NT, p. 58	Bill McCoy
SERMON	Christmas Sounds	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 22	Angels, from the Realms of Glory	REGENT SQUARE
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Bill McCoy
*HYMN OF PARTING		HYMN 40

*He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

*VOLUNTARY	Toccata Giocosa Dan Faber, organist	Gilbert Martin
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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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: *In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank LOGOS participants James Odin and William Snider for :
: chiming the Trinity to begin our worship services last Sunday, December 18. :
: *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please :
: accompany children. :
: *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114 :
: *Elder Visitation:* Cindy Wilson, Moseley Winkler, Sandy Zando, Mike Abernethy :
: *Greeters today are:* Mary Craig, Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Marty Martin :
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