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The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 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

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the One Who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

- Revelation 3-5a

VOLUNTARY

Quiet Carol
Fred Gaul, organist

arr: Lani Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 8

Jim Roberts

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established,

People: What are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?

Leader: Yet You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands;

Leader: You have put all things under their feet.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light

S. African, verses by Hal Hopson

Refrain:

We are sing - ing for the Lord is our Light. We are sing-ing for the Lord is our Light. ____

We are sing-ing, ____ Oh, ____ we are sing-ing for the Lord is our Light. ____ *Fine*

Verses:

The Lord is the strength of our lives. ____ Of whom shall we be a - fraid? ____
One thing have we asked of the Lord, ____ yes, this is the thing we seek: ____
When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, ____ our shel - ter is God a - lone. ____
We walk in the strength of the Lord, ____ God's love ____ is ev - er sure. ____

Though foes may be near to de - stroy, ____ the Lord will be our Light. ____ *D.C.*
To dwell in the house of the Lord; ____ to live with God for - ev - er. ____
Our feet are ____ lift - ed high; ____ yes, high up - on a rock. ____
We shout that the world ____ may hear, ____ we sing a joy - ful song. ____

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*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!
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

God our Creator, You have given us the gift of time, and have numbered our days. We confess that we aren't always good stewards of the time You have given us. We spend much of our time buying things that won't last, instead of investing our time in relationships that matter most. We waste our time worrying about the future, instead of living in the fullness of the present moment. We let precious time escape us, while we try to fix the past. In vain, we try to control time, instead of trusting our days to You. Be patient with us, Lord, and forgive our impatience.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Jim Roberts

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Leslie Clay, Mission Worker

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

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

Barbara Hopta

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

March of the Magi Kings

Theodore Dubois

*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

Gracious God, with joy in our hearts, we set these offerings before You. Bless them to be used in Your time for Your purposes. We ask in Christ’s name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Longfellow’s Carol

words: H.W. Longfellow (1807-82)

music: Allen Percival (b. 1925)

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play, and mild and sweet the words repeat
of peace on earth, good will to men.*

And thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom had rolled along the unbroken song...

Till, ringing, singing on its way the world revolved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime...

Then from each black accursed mouth the cannon thundered in the South, and with the sound the carols drowned...

It was as if an earthquake rent the hearth-stones of a continent and made forlorn the households born...

And in despair I bowed my head, “There is no peace on earth,” I said, “for hate is strong and mocks the song...

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, “God is not dead, nor doth He sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.”*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, Pew Bible, OT, p. 616

Jim Roberts

SERMON

“Well, It’s About Time!”

Jim Roberts

*CONCLUDING HYMN 469

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Jim Roberts

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 540

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

*VOLUNTARY

Offertoire sur les Grand Jeu
Fred Gaul, organist

Francois Couperin

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

Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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• *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:* Amy Isaac, Jennelle Jones, George Keller, Perry Keller

• *Greeters today are:* Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Betty Kerns

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• PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!
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