

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**January 1, 2012**  
**1st Sunday After Christmas**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**OPENING RESPONSE** "Still, Still, Still" pg. 47

**PRELUDE** "Joyful Tidings" Moffatt

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

**People: We have received in faith that which you, O Lord, have promised.**

Leader: Emmanuel: God with us, God in us, revealed to us.

**People: Our souls rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord will be our everlasting light and glory.

**People: Praise and glory be to you, now and forevermore.**

**\*HYMN** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" 31

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we might have. Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be fulfilled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged. Help us to energize your love, even as you became love to us. For we ask these things in his name. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is the good news: God anoints us with grace and peace, not so we can become better than others, but so we can be the servants of a hurting and hungry world.

**People: We will go, taking the good news with us, testifying to all we meet, with our words, our hearts, our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM** "Joy To The World" Denton

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURE** Matthew 1

**SERMON** "God's New Beginning" Rev. Dr. Jennifer Santer

**\*HYMN** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 28

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Faith --French Reformed Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, our creator,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our redeemer

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our comforter.

I believe in the Eternal God, in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER** (debts, debtors)

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Prayer" Nicholas

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" 29

**CLOSING RESPONSE** "Joy To The World"

**\*POSTLUDE** "Sing Ye With Gladness" Nordman

\* Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand

**Welcome:** To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Announcements:** **Office closed January 2nd for New Year Holiday.**

Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing officers will be held after Worship on Sunday, January 8th.

There is a Thank You letter from NOROC on the bulletin board.

**Birthdays:** January 4th - Hazel Howard, January 5th - Patty Kasch, January 7th - Rev. Dr. Jennifer Santer.

**Anniversaries:** January 3rd - Carroll and Rosa Pace.

**Flowers:** Have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Refreshments:** Phyllis Harmony is providing refreshments for the congregation today. Many dates **are available, please sign up on cookie sheet.**

**Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles and information for February newsletter is January 23rd. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under door to her office.

**Rev. Dr. Jennifer Santer, Pastor**

**Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor      Children's Sunday School - Room 104 Education Wing  
10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Wed. Jan. 4th)  
12:15 p.m. Session December 19th (Thursday)

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