

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 8, 2012
Baptism Of The Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE "Still, Still, Still" pg. 47
PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are the people of God,
All: Marked by water,
One: Claimed by the Spirit,
All: Precious and honored in God's sight.
One: We are the body of Christ,
All: Gathered around the table,
One: Fed by the Bread of Life,
All: Filled with the cup of joy,
One: Strengthened for the new year.
All: We are the community of faith,
One: Following God's star,
All: Bringing our gifts,
One: Seeing the Holy in the ordinary,
All: And being made new as we travel new roads.

***HYMN** "As with Gladness Men of Old" 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We search for your light, Star Caster, but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation. Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure, for we expect him to fulfill our desires, rather than your hopes for us. We want the gifts of wealth, health, success, fulfillment, rather than those of servanthood, of compassion, of peace. Forgive us, Shaper of our lives, that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace. Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago, who found hope, instead of a destination; who found grace, instead of gratitude; who found salvation, instead of a sign. As we journey with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fill us with the light of your joy and love. In His name we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.
People: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM "Sweet Little Child" Smith

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12
Ephesians 3: 1-12

SERMON "Journey of the Generations" Rev. Dr. Jennifer Santer

***HYMN** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" 66

***AFFIRMATION OF 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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Where He Leads Me" Paxton

***DOXOLOGY**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*** HYMN** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" 514

CLOSING RESPONSE

"Joy To The World"

***POSTLUDE**

"Triumph"

Franck

* 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:

Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing officers will be held after Worship today.

Deadline for Reports for the Annual Report is January 9th.

Birthdays:

January 11th - Virginia Edmonds, January 14th - Rose Lusk.

Flowers:

Have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Julia Kasch in honor of Patty Kasch's Birthday.

Refreshments:

Aleyene Watkins 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. 11th)
- 12:15 p.m. Session December 19th (Thursday)

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