

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2014

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Smith & Hustad Beverly Bright and Kay Ten Eyck

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.

* Hymn 110

"Love Has Come"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth,

in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light,

or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,

expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt and renew our hope,

so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,

and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
- * Response 137

He came down that we may have love . . . hallelujah forevermore!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (OT, p. 692)

Hymn 112

"On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing"

Psalter: Psalm 148 (Hymnal 17)

A Time with Children

Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (NT, p. 189)

Hymn 128

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40 (NT, p. 59)

Sermon: "Between Consolation and a Sword"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 114

"Away in a Manger"

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 34)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"What Child is This?"

arr. Wells

Doxology (606)

Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 136

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

Charge and Benediction

' Postlude

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

arr. Lasky

All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Nancy and Paul Ford to the glory of God and in memory of Paul's sister, Sarah Guadagnino.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Rev. William G. Carter Director of Educational Ministries Tina Ide Organist Kay Ten Eyck Liturgist Judy Cutler Joyful Noise leaders Tina Ide, Frank Garnecki Ushers Sarah Ann Hosier, Anne Deremer Welcomers Mick and Lee Wirth



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