

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

December 27, 2015

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” arr. Kerr

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 143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
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: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (OT, p. 246)
Hymn 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Psalter: Psalm 148 (Hymnal 17)
A Time with Children

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 (NT, p. 201)
Hymn 110 “Love Has Come”

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52 (NT, p. 59)
Sermon: “He Grew Up”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, page 14)
Presentation of Zoe Celeste Zymblosky

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory “Away In A Manger” arr. Powell

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 136 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” arr. Schoffner

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor
Organist
Liturgist
Ushers
Welcomers

Rev. William G. Carter
Kay Ten Eyck
Brian Schillinger
Gwynne Gilbert, Margaret Reese
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...ALL WHO
HEARD HIM
WERE

AMAZED...

LUKE 2:47

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.