



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Gesu Bambino” - arr. Tom Fettke

GREETING “This is the day that the Lord has made!”
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “Away In A Manger” #115 (verse 1)

***Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*** OPENING HYMN “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #128**

*** THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

(silent reflection)

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

We start the new year with the promise of the forgiveness of our sins.

Through God's mercy we can look ahead each day with hope for rebirth

We are reborn through the mercy and abundant love of God.

To us is born the Prince of Peace and Mercy!

Friends believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

***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.***

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace)

WELCOME

We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

HYMN "Jesus Entered Egypt" #154

SCRIPTURE - OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 63:7-9
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SCRIPTURE - NEW TESTAMENT - Matthew 2:13-23

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON - "Our Savior, the Refugee"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

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.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "When I Think Upon Christmas" - Arr. Matt Schinske

*** 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 OF OUR OFFERINGS**

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*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 OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*** CLOSING HYMN - “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #143**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Away in a Manger” #115 (verse 3)**

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

*** POSTLUDE “Glorious Light” - arr. Larry Shackley**

