

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 25, 2011 *Christmas ~ Nativity of Jesus Christ* *11:00 A.M.*

PRELUDE *Tell Out My Soul / Joy to the World ~ Setting by Paul Manz* Ben Heizer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Luke 2: 10c-11, 14; Isaiah 9: 6-7a**

L: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

P: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all people.

L: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

P: Of the increase of his government, and of peace, there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it, with justice and with righteousness, from this time forth, and for evermore.

***HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **#249**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF ADORATION ~ From PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

L: Christ is born! Give him glory!

P: Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

L: God is with us in our lives, and in our worship! Exalt him!

P: O earth, sing to the Lord! All you nations, praise him in joy!

L: Glory to you, almighty Father, for you sent your only begotten Son, that we might have new life.

P: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh, and dwelt among us, that we might become your people.

L: Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you give us faith, and direct and rule our lives.

P: Glory to you, eternal Father, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN** *Joy to the World!* **#270**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us, to be light shining in the 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 lack of faith, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. (Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Timothy 1:15; John 1:17

L: The saying is sure, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

P: For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** #813

ANTHEM *How Quietly ~ Joel Raney* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON *(Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 1: 1-18 ~ Page 922 in the pew Bible

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every person was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of human desire, nor of human intention, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Incarnation: God Is with Us" Rev. Frank Wyche

***HYMN** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* **#251**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What Child Is This?*

***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (...debts/debtors...)

***HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #277

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *How Great Our Joy* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Ben Heizer

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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