

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 28, 2008

1st Sunday after Christmas

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Carolyn Wallace, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Mayer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Emmanuel Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

P: All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!

P: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

L: Let us worship God.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life you offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way. Amen.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear Paul's words of assurance: "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him..."

P: "...the death he died, he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." In Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI #813**

ANTHEM Joy to the World Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON *(No Children's Church during December.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 61:10-62:3 ~ Page 641 in the pew Bible

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Galatians 4: 4-7 ~ Page 1014 in the pew Bible

But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then an heir.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Shout a New Name" Rev. Olivia Haney

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed** Inside front cover of Hymnal

***HYMN OF RESPONSE How Great Our Joy #269**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #815**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

***HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High #278**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE Go Tell it on the Mountain** Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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