

anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” But not all who hear have obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 3-8 ~ pp. 1041-1042 in the pew Bible

For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all people, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by other people, and hating one another; but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds, for these are excellent and profitable to everyone.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Keeping Christmas” Rev. Frank Wyche

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

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

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

\*HYMN *How Great Our Joy!* #269

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSE *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Chancel Choir

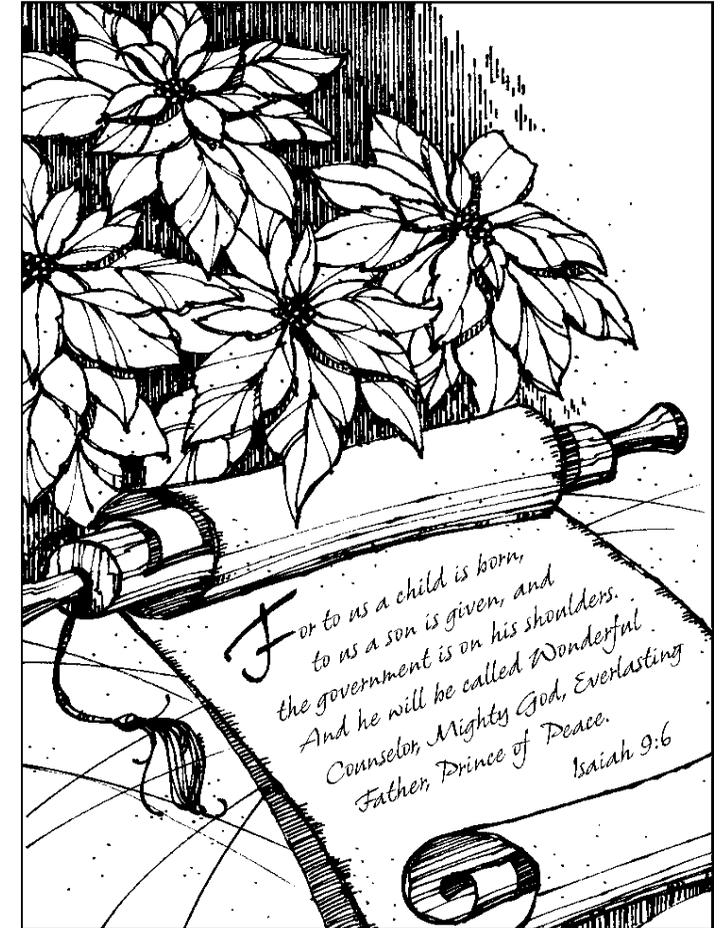
POSTLUDE Alessio Giacobone

\*Those who are able may stand

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.



## 1st Sunday of Christmas



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## HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2015

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 46**

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.**

L: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

L: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought wonders in the earth.

**P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!**

L: "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

**P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we rejoice in your presence with us this day, and each day of our lives. As we continue to celebrate Christmas and the coming of Christ into the world, we thank you that you are still with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit, giving us faith in Jesus, and drawing us ever closer to you. Bless us and draw near to us in this service, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

**#259**

**CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Ezra 9:6**

"O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens."

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, you are holy and righteous and perfect, while we are disobedient sinners; but in your great love, you came into the world in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," in order to bring to us forgiveness of sins, and eternal life with you. Forgive us for the many times we do not practice what we proclaim: we surround the manger to sing praises to the Child, but we ignore the commands of the adult Jesus in his ministry; we praise the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000, but we do not give to help provide food**

**and shelter to people in need; we rejoice that you are with us in our troubles, but condemn others in difficult circumstances; we seek forgiveness for ourselves, but scorn those with whom we disagree, or who have offended us. Teach us true faithfulness, and lead us to live in response to Christ's call for holiness in our lives.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Timothy 1: 14-15a; Hebrews 10: 4-5a, 10**

L: The grace of our Lord overflowed for [us] with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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

L: For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. Consequently, Christ came into the world.

**P: By [God's] will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.**

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

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#813**

**CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward**

**ANTHEM**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Chancel Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 9: 6-7 ~ Page 593 in the pew Bible**

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." 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. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 10: 8b-17 ~ Page 985 in the pew Bible**

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For people believe with their heart and so are justified, and confess with their lips and so are saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are people to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can