

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 28, 2014

1st Sunday of Christmas

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Winter Rose*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: What can I give Him, poor as I am?

**Women and Girls: If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb.**

**Men and Boys: If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part.**

Leader: Yet what can I give Him?

**All: I'll give Him my heart! Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#249

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, You have a plan for each one of us. You hold out to us a future full of hope. Give us the wisdom of Your Spirit so that we can see the shape of Your plan in the gifts You have given us and the circumstances of our daily lives. Give us the freedom of Your Spirit to seek You with all our hearts and choose Your will above all else.**

**Closing to Prayer ~ *Have Thine Own Way*, #591, verse 4**

***Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!***

***Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me! Amen***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**People: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

**All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ Adapted from *The Service for the Lord's Day***

**Holy and Loving God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You, our families, our friends, our neighbors, and strangers. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, in being uncaring about the needs and feelings of others. Forgive us, Lord; we plead in shame and sorrow. Then help us live in Your light and walk in Your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession) Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, #250, verse 4**

***O holy child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray.***

***Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born to us today.***

***We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tiding tell.***

***O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.***

ANTHEM

*Dance into the Light*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Daniel 6: 19-23, 25-27 ~ New International Version

Then, at the break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. When he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish and said to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live for ever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God.

Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring for ever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Matthew 2: 1-12 ~ New International Version

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from

them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell and down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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\***HYMN** *We Three Kings* #288

SERMON "We \_\_\_\_\_?" Ramona J. Bosserman

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ From *The Scots Confession***

**When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the 'just seed of David,' the 'Angel of the great counsel of God,' the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

\***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

\***HYMN** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (vss. 1, 3)* #258

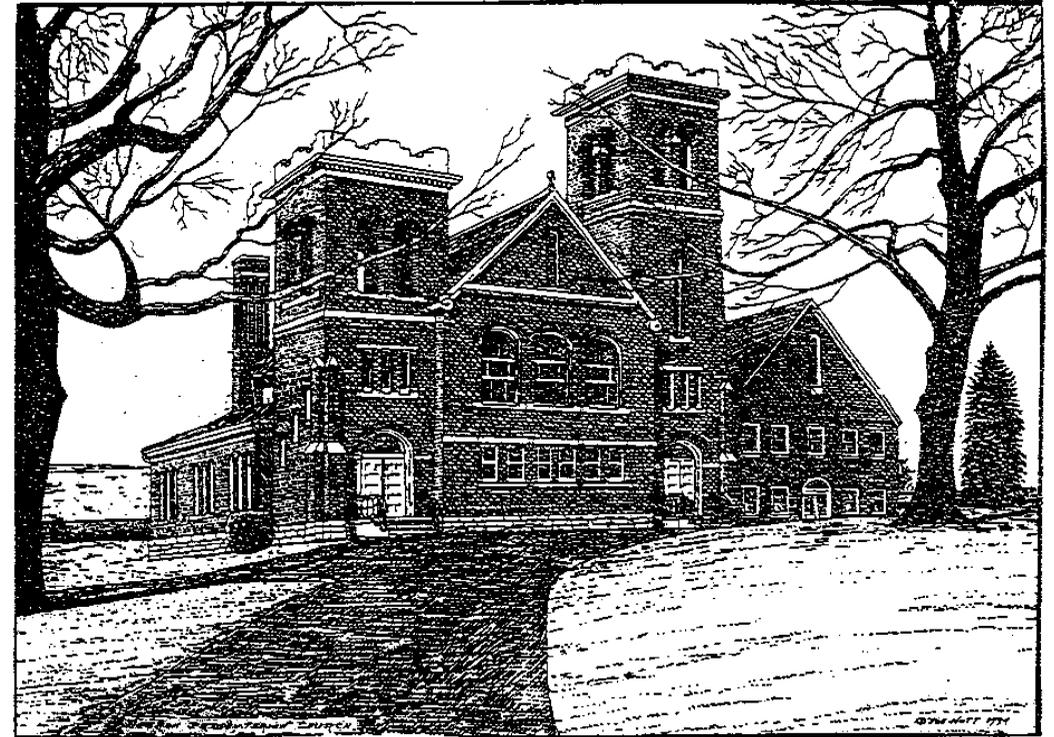
\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

\*Those who are able may stand.

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



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