



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2013

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.  
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Exalted God, even as the heavenly host sang of your glory  
in the night skies over Bethlehem;  
even as the star shone in the heavens,  
and sheep and cattle gathered in that light,  
so we gather, young and old together,  
to recount all that you have done for us  
in mercy and steadfast love.*

*No tyrant's threat or deadly act can destroy the dreams and visions  
you have placed within us, for you have drawn us close.  
With all creation, we praise you and exalt your name  
forever and ever. Amen.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Michael Burkhardt

### BRINGING THE LIGHT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We recount the gracious deeds of God,  
all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:

**Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.**

Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our  
salvation.

**Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

**God's glory shines in heaven and on earth.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God-with-us, we confess  
that we have not embraced your love.  
We forget your great mercy  
and seek out other saviors.  
We allow violence to continue  
and ignore those who weep.  
Forgive us, loving God.  
Make us sisters and brothers,  
sharing with all your children  
good news of great joy  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

*Glory Be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM	<i>See Amid the Winter's Snow</i>	
MESSAGE	<i>Get Going: The Power of the Baby</i>	Tracy L. Evans
CAROL	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	144
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 35
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	<i>Interlude on the Coventry Carol</i>	W. S. Lloyd Webber
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606
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### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i>	134
*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD		
*BLESSING AND CHARGE		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Michael Burkhardt

\*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for January 5: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18.

**The Urban Mission item** of the month for December is **powdered milk**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Ushers** for today's service are Jeff and A. J. Roesel.

**End-of-year giving:** As the end of the year approaches, we would like to remind you that contributions are deductible in the year they are made. Checks must be received by the church or postmarked before January 1, 2014 to be included in this year's contribution statement.

**SUNDAY**

**December 29**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY**

**January 1**

No activities – church office closed

**SUNDAY**

**January 5**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service-Communion