

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday after Christmas Day

January 1, 2017

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 110
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Lau

Call to Worship

There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, we confess that we have not embraced your love.

Christ has come into the world,

and yet we do not know him.

He has called us to be his own,

and yet we do not accept him.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Show us your mercy and truth

until we know in fullness your good news of great joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 583 "Glory to God"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18 (NT p. 218)

Second Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9 (OT p. 693)

A Time with Children

Solo "Gesù Bambino" Yon
Jenna Ash, soloist

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon: "Putting Herod on Notice" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 153 "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"
Verse 1: soloist Verses 2-5: all

* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 34)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" arr. Young

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" arr. Sedio

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by the Board of Deacons to the glory of God and in honor of Karen White and her faithful ministry of hospitality to this congregation.

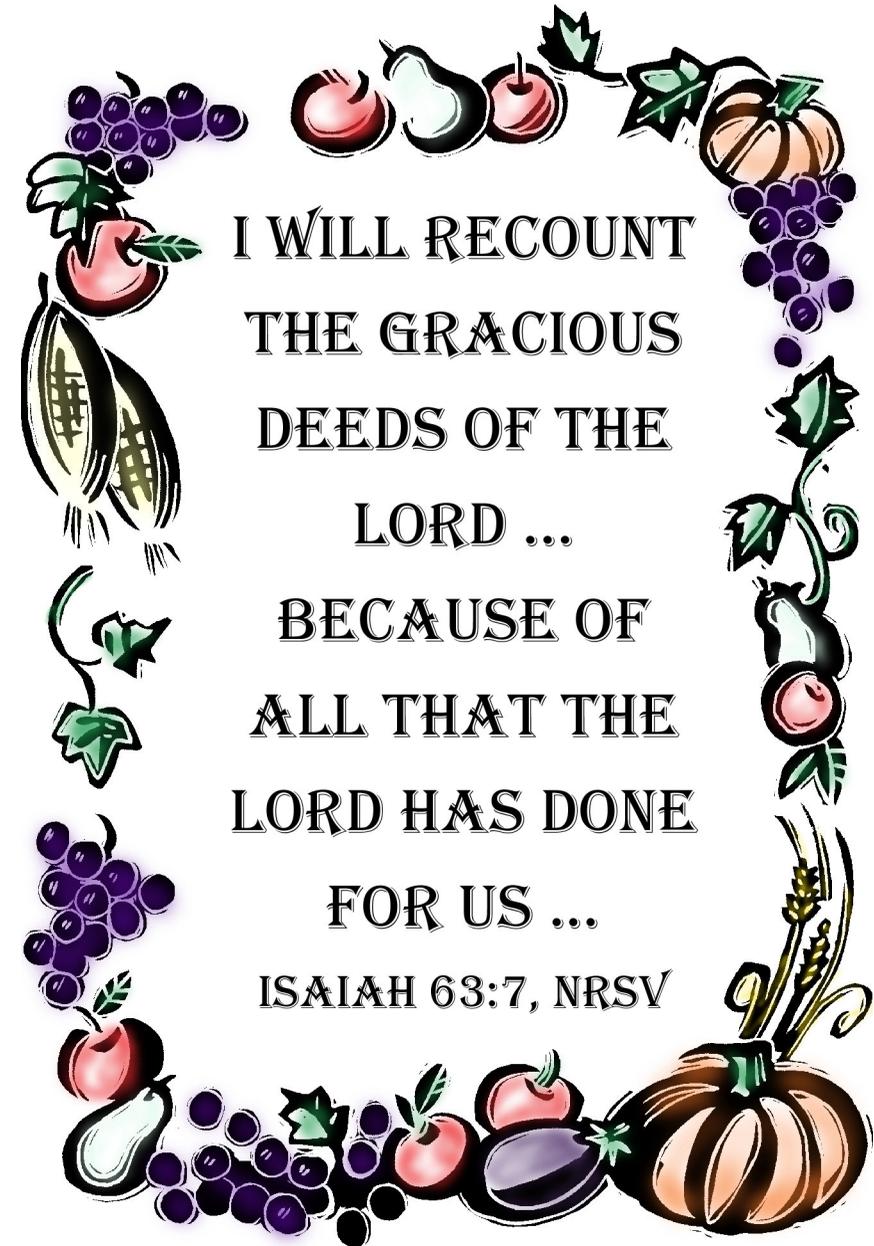
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Betty Keen
Ushers	Gwynne Gilbert, Greg Matthews
Welcomers	Char and Fred Lyon
Communion Servers	Frank Garnecki, Sue Flynn, Ryan Flynn, Tabbi Miller-Scandle, Phil Muntzel



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I WILL RECOUNT
THE GRACIOUS
DEEDS OF THE
LORD ...
BECAUSE OF
ALL THAT THE
LORD HAS DONE
FOR US ...
ISAIAH 63:7, NRSV

Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.