

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2012

11:15 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

"Two French Carols"
Ninarose Daubenhauser, flute

arr. Adams

Call to Worship

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to God's people on earth. Alleluia!

* Hymn 56 (PH) "The First Nowell" (verses 1-4)
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.***

***We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.***

***We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little and hoping for less.***

***Forgive our doubt and renew our hope
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 56, verse 6

***Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40 (NT, p. 59)

Psalter: Psalm 148 (OT, p. 582)

A Time with Children

Special Music "Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Ninarose Daubenhauser, flute

arr. Adams

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (NT, p. 189)

Sermon: "A Pregnant Year"

Rev.

Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 68 (PH) "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

* Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed (PH, p. 15)

Offering

Offertory

"What Child is This?"

Ninarose Daubenhauser, flute

arr. Callahan

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (PH, p. 13)

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All are invited forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup.

Please return to your seat by a side aisle.

* Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 63 (PH) "As with Gladness Men of Old"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "We Three Kings" arr. Linker

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given by John and Jo Conklin with great gratitude for blessings received in 2011 and for those yet to come as we celebrate the New Year.

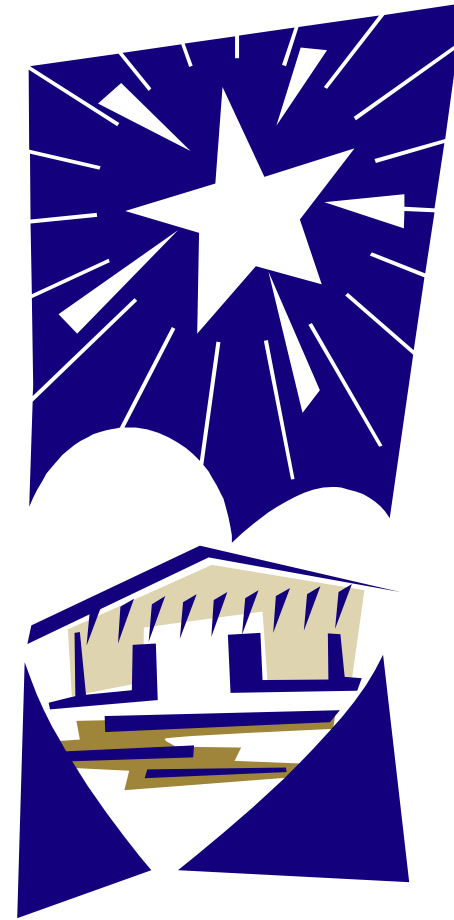
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William G. Carter
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Joan Thomas
Usher	S. Hosier, J. Conklin (11:15)
Welcomers	Lorraine Daniels



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

God sent the Spirit
of his Son
into our hearts
Galatians 4:6



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Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order 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 you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.