

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
1st Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2013

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music and Words of Welcome

Prelude "Carols of Field and Plain"
Jeff Leas, trumpet

arr. Hughes

Call to Worship

A child has been born for us,

A son given to us;

Authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named:

***Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.***

* Hymn 27 (PH) "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

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 and Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Hymn 31 (PH) "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Psalter: Psalm 148

Hymn 29 (PH) "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23 (NT, p. 2)

Sermon: "Dream World, Real World"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 53 (PH) "What Child Is This"

* Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of Rilya Ann Werner

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* The Act of Baptizing

* Welcome (Unison)

***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for
we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support
you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you
know and follow Christ.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Triptych on Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Powers

Jeff Leas, trumpet

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

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.

Psalms 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!

Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."