

\*HYMN 507

*I Come With Joy*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

See bulletin insert

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord are invited to partake by coming down the center aisle, breaking off a piece of bread, intincting the bread into the cup and returning to your seat by way of the outside aisles.*

*Those who are unable or who prefer not to come forward are invited to let an usher know and the elements will be brought to you.*

### **BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 369

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Noel Fanfare*

C. Callahan

### **ENTER TO WORSHIP, DEPART TO SERVE**

## SUNDAY CELEBRATION

*January 1, 2012 ✠ 10:00 a.m.*

*First Sunday After Christmas*



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**Listening devices and large-print materials are available from the ushers.**

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronic pagers.*

*\*All those who are able, please stand.*

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### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

*Kings of the Orient*

R. Haan

✠ ✠ ✠ *Please keep silence so that others can meditate* ✠ ✠ ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Oh, Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: You have set your glory in the heavens!**

One: With praises from children and infants you have built a fortress;

**All: It makes your enemies silent, and all who turn against you are left speechless.**

One: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**All: Who are we humans, that you should notice us and care for us?**

One: Yet you have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

**All: You have made us rulers over the works of your hands;**

One: You put everything under our feet:

**All: The sheep and the cattle, and all the wild animals,**

One: The birds in the sky, and all the fish and ocean creatures.

**All: Oh, Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\*HYMN 63

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Here we are, Lord, coming to the end of another Christmas season. The holiday is behind us, and we are tempted to go back to normal life, forgetting the spirit of the season until next year. Father, forgive us for limiting generosity of spirit to one season of the year. Teach us to trust you to such a degree that generosity becomes our habit. As we become generous people, use us to touch family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and anyone else in our lives, with your generous and gracious love. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news  
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE TO PARDON (Tune 579)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen**

*Gloria Patri*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
Carole Haines, Flute; Lisa Meyer, Organ

Arr. Lani Smith

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Philip Presby

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

(Old Testament page 616)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

(New Testament page 2)

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 4:4-7

(New Testament page 189)

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION

*"Be It Resolved..."*

Elder Rosamond Presby?

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Christmas Creed (by Walter Russell Bowie)

**I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.**

**I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still  
brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and  
small.**

**I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I  
confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from  
my life today.**

**I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could  
never understand; whose life was among common people, whose  
welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.**

**I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.**

**I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home  
in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and  
made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought  
sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the  
strength of God.**

**I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for my  
selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need  
of love for hearts grown cold.**

**I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the Son  
of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the  
world.**

**RESPONDING TO AND SEALING OF THE WORD**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

DEDICATORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Cradle Hymn*

R. Powell