

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 30, 2007 10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

PREPARATION

“Every person who ever came into this world was sent into this world by God to do some special task. Every person is, as it has been put, a ‘dream of God.’ That task need not be a task which is great as the world uses the word great. It may be to care for a child, to make someone else happy, to teach someone’s mind, to cure someone’s body, to bring sunshine into the lives of others across a counter or in an office.”

- William Barclay

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the friendship pads as they are distributed)*

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to bid farewell to the old year, a year that brought burdens and blessings.

All: We thank you, O God, for the strength to bear its burdens and the grace to share its blessings.

Leader: We gather to bid welcome to the New Year, a year that harbors perils and promises.

All: We ask you, O God, for the courage to master its perils and the wisdom to realize its promises.

Leader: The Lord joins us to redeem our memories of the year past and to rekindle our hopes for the year ahead. Let us rejoice and be glad!
Let us worship God!

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*All who are able may stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

Eternal God, you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we cannot forget. We confess that we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose, and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to acknowledge your love or respond to your gifts. Forgive the past, we pray. Do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future free to love, and ready to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions of the year gone by.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***RESPONSE** 23 *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Any children 4yrs –8th grade may leave for church school)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE MESSENGER AND BEARER OF A NEW COVENANT

PROPHECY: Malachi 3:1

FULLFILLMENT: Luke 4:43
Hebrews 2:3,4

PROPHECY: Jeremiah 31:31

FULLFILLMENT: Mark 13:22-25

SERMON "What's Your New Year's Covenant?" -Elder, Richard Jones

WE BRING FORTH OUR COVENANTS WITH GOD

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 388 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

O Christ of Hope, receive these gifts and our hearts. Make us your hands and feet upon this earth. May we be implements of your peace, now and always. Amen.

♪ ♪ ***HYMN** 40 *Joy to the World!*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing vs. 3

POSTLUDE

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest Preacher: Elder, Richard Jones
Guest Organist: Bruce Jacobs
Usher: Tim Miller
Layreader: Janice Jones
Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer
Building Check: Faith Education
(January 6th – Worship – January 13th – Personnel)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

CALENDAR

Today	- December 30	10:00 a.m.	Worship Elder Richard Jones preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tues.	- January 1		<i>Happy New Year</i>
Sun.	- January 6	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion Rev. Lance Brown preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marion Bartnik (The Fiegls) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Ollie Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Pam Setzer (The Fiegls) ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Betty Sroczyk ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ *Mildred Warren* (Sue Boulter) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)

Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☼ Patrick Baskerville ☼ Sammy Russo ☼ Kimberly Trudeau ☼ Steve Odebralski ☼ Jason Zimmerman ☼ Andrew Zalikowski ☼ Nick Turvey ☼ Kristen Pelc ☼ Ben Schauss ☼ Phillip Schott ☼ Josh Winkler ☼ Russell Molnar ☼ Pat McCullough ☼ Ryan M. Ratigan ☼ Larry Lloyd ☼ Joshua Feldman ☼ Dan Dudziak ☼ David Ferg ☼ Zachery Goggins ☼ Alison Lankes

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:
John & Marge Christmann Bill & Nancy Hay The Orefice Family Wendy Warren

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Please Note: The church secretary, Corinne, will be on vacation from December 25th thru January 2nd. If you need assistance you can leave a message on the church answering machine or call the clerk of session George Shaffer.