

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 31, 2006 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

**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**

*-continued*

\*All who are able may stand

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 –8<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for church school)*

#### **ANTHEM**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Colossians 3: 12-17

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2: 41-52

#### **SERMON**

*-Elder, Richard Fischer*

♪ ♪ **\*HYMN** 308 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem vs. 1-3*

#### **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)

**Holy God, we return to you the offerings of our lives and the gifts of the earth. It is by your goodness that we have these gifts to share with our brothers and sisters. Accept and use our offerings of self and gift for your glory and for service in your Kingdom. Amen.**

♪ ♪ **\*HYMN**                      29      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**      535 *Go with Us, Lord*

♪ ♪ (all singing)  
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

**POSTLUDE**

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

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Layreader:              Edie Fischer  
Counters:              Debbie Goggins & Robin Miller  
Greeters:              Marge Edington  
Building Check:      Membership  
                                 (January 7<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship – January 14<sup>th</sup> – Administration & Finance)

## 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. Julie Riccio is ready to welcome your child.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Amy Balon (Nancy Galley) ♦ *Matt Bove (Richard Jones)*  
 ♦ *Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik)* ♦ Andrew Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Michelle Campbell  
 (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan &  
 Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy  
 Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Mary Flemming (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen  
 (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed  
 Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ *Janet H. (Nancy Galley)* ♦ Esther Hiller  
 (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦  
 Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Dee Dee Labby  
 (Marion Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ BJ  
 Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ The  
 Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The  
 Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam))

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

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:

Roberta Evans Heather & Matthew Komanski The Wurl Family Jane Lankes

## CALENDAR

Today	- December 31	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Dick Fischer preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon.	- January 1		<i>Happy New Year church office closed</i>
Sun.	- January 7	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**We will be collecting** pasta, boxed meals, paper products and brown paper bags for the month of December. As always you may donate any non-perishable food at any time. Please place your donations in the basket closest to the balcony stairs in the narthex.

**This year the last day** for the recording secretary to accept pledges and Per Capita is December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you want credit for your tax returns please submit by this date. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

**Attention All Session Members:** It's that time of year again. Annual Reports are due no later than January 7th. Please turn your report into the church office by this date.

**As you know, 25 % of our Peace Offering** stays in our community. This year, we selected a working family who has trouble making ends meet. They are very grateful for this extra help which made their Thanksgiving special. Be sure to read their thanks you note that is posted on the bulletin board. Thanks so much for your support of this mission.