

DECEMBER 30, 2001

Order for the Worship of God
December 30, 2001
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: First Sunday After Christmas

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Dr. William Hanson, *Organ*

Call to Worship

The Rev. David Rea

Minister: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8.9

People: **In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

1 John 4.10

***Carol**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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text: John Wade, 1751

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn No. 177**

"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"

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***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8.3

Uniting His human nature with His divine nature, the Lord Jesus was made completely holy and set apart by the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus had all the resources of knowledge and understanding. It pleased the Father for Jesus to be perfect in His spiritual nature. By being holy, harmless, undefiled and filled with grace and truth, He would be thoroughly equipped to execute the role of a mediator and guarantor. Jesus did not assume this role. Rather, it was assigned to Him by His Father who gave all of the strength and decisiveness to Jesus and directed Him to fulfill His task.

***A Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

All praise to Thee, eternal Lord
Clothed in a garb of flesh and blood,
Choosing a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone.

Public Confession

O Lord, I praise You continually for permission to approach Your throne of grace, and to spread my wants and desires before You. I am not worthy of Your blessings and mercies for I am far gone from original righteousness; my depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion; my early days discovered in me discontent, pride, envy, revenge. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor the multiplied transgressions of later years, my failure to improve time and talents, my abuse of mercies and means, my long neglect of Your great salvation, my disregard of the friend of sinners. While I confess my guilt, help me to feel it deeply, with self-abhorrence and self-despair, yet to remember there is hope in You, and to see the Lamb that takes away sin.

Silent Confession

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. John Vanderveld, *Session Elder* 9:30
The Rev. Paul Settle 11:00

Musical Offering

Miss Rachel Deffinbaugh, *Soprano*

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

If you are seated on the left end of the pew, please take the Service of Friendship pad, fill out the information and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the pew, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.

***The Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 1.1-14

The Morning Sermon

"Who Is Jesus?"

Mr. Rea

***Closing Hymn No. 92** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

***Benediction**

Minister: To God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever!

I Timothy 6.15-16

People: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

Postlude

Dr. Hanson

If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, or wish prayer for any reason, please come to the Parlor (Room 205) located next to the Information Center, following the worship service where Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.

Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community? Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. "Ask Me" volunteers are also available at every entrance to assist you.

The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of B. Welby Billings with gratitude for his life and the legacy of their children Sarah Caroline and Benjamin and in remembrance of their wedding anniversary, December 28, 1985, by Laura Beth Billings.

We welcome our guest organist Dr. William Hanson to our services.

**The Congregation stands.*

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