



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gathered here, we listen for God.

People: *God's angels are all around us.*

Leader: Gathered here, we look for signs of God's presence.

People: *God's presence is with us now.*

Leader: Gathered here, we celebrate the birth of Christ.

People: *God comes in the gift of a child.*

***HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

No. 134

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, bearer of our burdens, you know the demons that haunt our minds; you know the sorrows that burden our hearts. Send your angels and messengers of peace to comfort and guide us. Help us follow in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary, listening, learning, and following where you would have us go. Send your mercy and grace to reconcile and restore us, we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ has set us free from our fears, from our sins, and even from death. Rejoice and be glad, for the Christmas message is this: Christ is born in our world and in our hearts. In Christ, we are forgiven and free. Believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

GLORY TO GOD!

No. 582

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

"A Cosmic Drama"

Rev. Dan Wilkers

SENDING

***HYMN**

"Jesus Entered Egypt"

No. 154

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

Hymnal p. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 634

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Jan 1)

Greeters: Bob & Donna Myers

Ushers: Rich Tincher, Rusty Sudderth

Lay Reader: Sam Henderson

Serving Next Sunday (Jan 8—Communion)

Greeters: Becky Collins, Burch Idol

Ushers: Millie Vernon, Dale Watts

Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush

Element Preparation: Dottie Roudabush, Lynda Self

Assisting Elders: Faye Hodges, Rocky Newton,

Lynda Self, Rich Tincher,

Bernie Krecklow

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (1/01)	10:30a 11:35a	Worship Service Called Session Meeting
Mon (1/02)	9:00a 6:30p	<i>Church Office Closed</i> Bulletin Information Due Sweet Adelines
Tue (1/03)	1:00p 5:00p	Paint Ministry Wt. Watchers
Wed (1/04)	9:00a 9:30a	Wt. Watchers Men's Bible Study
Thu (1/05)	11:30a 5:30p	PGA Luncheon The Next 56 Days
Fri (1/06)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (1/07)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
Sun (1/08)	9:00a 9:30a 10:30a	Café Faith Sunday School Worship Service— <i>Communion</i> Ordination & Installation of Elders

Newsletters: The Newsletter for the first quarter of 2017 can be found in the Narthex and also on line under News and Events.

Ordination & Installation: On Sunday, January 8, our new Elders, Lorna Foster and Jean Nitkin, will be ordained and installed as the Elders of Class 2019.

Church Office: Monday, January 2, the church office will be closed.

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.

2017 Annual Congregational Meeting

January 15, 2017
Immediately following Worship Service

Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!

