

December 4, 2016

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “Pastorale on a French Carol”

Gordon Young

Announcements

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship- Luke 1: 68-72

Minister: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

Congregation: and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

Minister: as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

Congregation: that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

Unison: to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,...

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “Joy to the World”

#195

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Matthew 2:1-18

p.807 in Pew Bible

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Lord, we rejoice that You, in Your mercy and love have sent to us a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. We rejoice that He was born in Bethlehem in accordance with Your promise and that He alone was able to accomplish redemption for us, Your people. We come to You today, and through Him to confess to You, that we have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We have sinned, each one of us, in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. We have taken your truth and exchanged it for a lie. We have deceived ourselves believing our ways are better than Your ways. Forgive us, Lord, for all the ways that we have sinned against You and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We ask in the Name of our Lord Jesus, He who came to rescue us from our sin. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

1 Timothy 1:15

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,...”

*Hymn - “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

#200

*Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

p.846 in Trinity Hymnal

*Doxology

#731

Offering

Offertory Anthem – “High Bright Star”

Marryott

(Children ages 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)

Scripture Reading – Genesis 3:1-15

p.2 in Pew Bible

Sermon

The Reverend Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr.

“THE CURSE THAT BRINGS THE PROMISE”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Hymn – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

#198, v. 1-3

Words of Institution

The Bread (We will partake of the elements together,

The Cup after all have been served.)

*Hymn – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

#198, v. 4-6

*Benediction

*Organ Postlude – “In Dulci Julilo”

The Rev. Mr. David G. McKay, Minister

The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Minister

Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Our denomination’s policy, in conformity with the Book of Church Order, is “to invite all those who profess the true religion, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church, or those approved by the Session, after having given indication of their desire to participate.”