

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 25, 2011

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GATHERING: (A time to meet, greet and welcome one another.)

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHIMES (The chimes call us to silent readiness.)

*INVOCATION

*HYMN "Joy to the World!" #179

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #733

*RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 68:4-10

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds-- his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.

People: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Leader: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

People: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

People: your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Card

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sing Noel to the Baby”
The Stith Family

Schram

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 6:1-13

p47, LP49

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Philippians 2:5-11

p954, LP174

SERMON: “In the Darkness”

*CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 37

Q. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

“The Nicene Creed” (see insert)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #218

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (see insert)

*HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #198

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

***PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP
AFTER WORSHIP***

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S FELLOWSHIP

R	Head Usher:	Gary Duggan
V	Greeters:	Vi & Bob Galt
I	Ushers:	Cindy Shone, Christopher Shone
C	Nursery:	Carolyn Meester
E	Coffee:	Vi Galt, Bonnie Thompson

Giving Last Week: \$5,523.00

YTD Budget: \$159,375.00; YTD Giving: \$142,963.00: Variance: \$-16,412.00

FOR OUR VISITORS

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher. Large print bulletins and songs are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher.

ROOM LOCATIONS

The nursery is on the same level as the Sanctuary on the west side of the south wing. Fully accessible Restrooms are immediately east of the Sanctuary on the upper level, and east of the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.

Please Note: Because it has been requested by some church members who have allergies, the Session would appreciate if you would refrain from wearing perfume or cologne during Sunday worship. Thank you for respecting this request.



Merry Christmas