



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, January 1, 2023

11:10 a.m. only

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

SILENT MEDITATION

"God is the only one who can make the valley of trouble a door of hope." Catherine Marshall

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the Heavens!

Praise the Lord from the Earth!

Praise the Lord, young and old together!

Praise the Lord, for his name alone is exalted!

Let us praise you O Lord, for today we worship the Newborn King!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light, we celebrate the coming of our Lord and have been wrapped in promises of hope and peace and joy. Yet, we come in confession today knowing that we have not always taken steps to be agents of your peace. Sometimes, we fail to help those most in need or seem oblivious to those in mental and physical pain. Forgive us and help us live into your call on our lives as people truly moved by the birth of the Christ child.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#121)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA**

“Gloria”

GLORIA

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo! Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

ANTHEM

“Cradle Song”

Stephen Hill

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 63: 7-9

p. 605 of the pew Bible

***HYMN OF PRAISE #132**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2: 13-23

p. 84 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“When Hope is All We Have”

Rev. Dempsey

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

***SANCTUS (#569)**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

SANCTUS (Oliver)



san-na in the highest. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the highest.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“The Wexford Carol”

English carol arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, we come before you with this offering, and the offering of our lives. Your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #149

“All Hail to God’s Anointed”

ROCKPORT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

POSTLUDE

“I Saw Three Ships”

arr. Mark Hayes

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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| Music | Max Rieke, viola; Kristi Treu, piano |
| Childcare Ministry | Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher |
| Ushers | Jim Chapin, Paul Holubeck, Doug Reid, Inga Wagner, Kim Banat |
| Greeters | North Door: Earlene Uhrig South Door: Larry and Carolyn Will |
| Information Center | Kathy Nickel |

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Announcements

For the week of January 1, 2023

The Week Briefly

Sunday, January 1

11:10 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream

Monday, January 2

Office Closed

10:00 Tai Chi

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 Men's Bible Study

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Afternoon Bible Study

4:00 Congregational Life Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

10:00 OAC Meeting

5:30 Chamber Singers

6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, January 5

9:00 Presbyterian Women Circle

10:00 Tai Chi

Friday, January 6

SHF Lock In through Saturday morning

Sunday, January 8

9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream

10:00 Sunday School & New Member Reception

11:00 Don & Millie's Caring and Sharing Day until 3 p.m.

11:10 Worship

Noon Cross Roads YA Fellowship

4:15 Serve dinner at Siena Francis House

4:45 JHF Fun & Games

Joys and Concerns

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Tim and Brenda Graumann in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary.

Jody Watt's funeral will be held at the church on Saturday, January 14 at 10:30 a.m. with a lunch following in Fellowship Hall.

Member Jane Bowers passed away on December 27 at the age of 87. She and husband Ron joined PCOC in 1971. Memorial service arrangements are pending. Please keep Ron and the extended Bowers family in prayer.

Florence Howell is in rehab at Hillcrest in Millard.

Join Pastor Marshall for Tuesday Bible Study! Our gatherings resume in Room 15 at 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in January, beginning January 3. No need to sign up—bring your Bible and join us!

Presbyterian Women on January 5. Start the New Year with Presbyterian Women's Circle on Thursday, January 5 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 15. Cindy Nisley will lead us in Lesson 5, Sabbath and Servitude. Questions? Cindy Nisley 402-850-0889.



Youth Groups Resume January 6-8. On Friday night (Jan. 6), SHF will have their lock in at the church starting at 5:30 p.m. JHF will meet on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. for fun & games.

New Member Reception on January 8. We welcome our new members who joined the church in 2021/2022. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a new member reception.

Cross Roads Fellowship for Young Adults on January 8. This is a fellowship group for young adults (ages 20-40). We will meet at the circle drive doors after late service on January 8, and we will go get pizza, have a sermon talkback, and enjoy fellowship.

Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House Dinner on January 8. PCOC has the dinner shift on the 2nd Sunday of every month. We need at least 6 volunteers to serve from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. Please consider giving your time to this mission. Questions? Contact Sandi Stuckey.

Active Minds Resumes January 10. Active Minds will play Mahjongg. We meet in the lower level on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. Please let Earlene Uhrig know if you will join us in January, so we have enough game sets for all to play! Never played, but want to try? This is your chance. See you in January!

New Member Class on January 15. Our next new member class will be Sunday, January 15 after late service in Room 15. The class will last about an hour, and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the office.

49ers on Break for January – Sign Up for February. Our speaker for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, will be Carol Foreman, Ticket Manager, College World Series of Omaha, Inc. Lunch will be at 11:30 at Wheatfield's at One Pacific Place. Sign up sheet is at the Information Desk. Questions? Contact Judy Sundberg or Mary Ott.

Church Volunteer Opportunities. We have a few open spots for ushering in the new year. Rather than joining a team permanently, you can now sign up online to usher for individual Sundays.

- We need greeters on Sunday mornings. Just choose your preferred service and door. Sign up online!
- The church needs Monday Morning Kitchen Crews for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Mondays of each month. Each 2-person crew completes a "Weekly Maintenance" checklist. This is a non-strenuous job which requires about an hour of your time. If you are interested, would like to be on the substitute list, or have questions, contact Annie or Rock in the church office.
- Monthly Cross Currents mailing volunteers needed. Duties include collating on Tuesday afternoons and folding on Wednesday mornings after the Friday Cross Current deadline. If you would like to help, be on the substitute list, or have questions, contact Annie or Rock in the church office.

Adult Education in the New Year. Learn more & sign up online!

- **Stories for Life in God's World: A Study of Parables** - Led by Kirk Ryckman - Wednesdays, January 11 – March 15 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Room 15 Using a study from the Kerygma Bible Study Series, Kirk Ryckman will lead a study of these timeless stories that speak to our faith and influence the decisions we make while discovering what makes a parable unique. We hope to grow in our appreciation of how Jesus used these short and seemingly simple stories to express the heart of the good news he brought.
- **The Ten Commandments - Past, Present, and Future** - Led by Pastor Christine - Sundays, January 29 – February 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 15 - The Ten Commandments are foundational to our faith and to God's story. It's the "setting in stone" of God's expectations for humanity. Yet, the law has had different emphases in the Christian tradition over the years. In this class, we will analyze the Ten Commandments from several different lenses from Biblical scholarship to history to contemporary culture. There is no book, but Pastor Christine will provide some readings for you throughout the study.
- **Drug Education Class for Parents and Children** - Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. - Join members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division as they provide an overview on the latest drug threats facing the country and more specifically what's being seen in Nebraska.

**Scan & Sign Up for
Classes/Events Online**



Cornerstone January 11 - March 15. Build strong ties with God and one another every Wednesday night with Bible study, music, and dinner. Everyone who registers for dinner is asked to volunteer to serve dinner or clean up. Registering ahead of time helps us plan for class supplies and gives us an accurate count for dinner so that we have enough food and are not wasteful. The deadline to register is January 1. Sign up online!

Communion Class Wednesday, January 18. Join Pastor Marshall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for dinner & activities to learn about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This class is for children in second grade and older that haven't had a chance to participate before. Childcare is provided for younger siblings. Sign up online.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 29. We will have a single service at 11:10 a.m. with our Annual Meeting immediately following in the Sanctuary. A soup and salad lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

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