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## A SERVICE OF HYMNS & CAROLS CHRISTMAS DAY



**December 25, 2016 \* 10:00 A.M.**

❖ *Please stand as you are able*  
**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Is Calling* Felix Mendelssohn

ACOLYTES Elise and Aaron Jenkins

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In steeple-capped churches, and on sand-strewn beaches,

**God's people gather in joy to celebrate a birth.**

With hope in our hearts like wrapping paper under a tree,

**We offer our thanks and praise**

**for the gift of grace swaddled in love.**

With eyes wide open like little children,

with hearts full of wonder and laughter,

**We join our lives with Mary and Joseph,**

**with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news.**

❖ OPENING HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

№ 41

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

✧ *Silence is kept* ✧

- ❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS** *Gloria Patri* Nº 579  
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.***

- ❖ **THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

✧ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.* ✧

- ❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Nº 28  
***Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!***

***Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened the heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!***

***Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Laurel Cluthe

### SCRIPTURE

New Testament, p. 58

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## SINGING THE SONGS OF THE SEASON

*Please share your choices!*



## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### OFFERTORY

✧ *Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass* ✧

- ❖ **DOXOLOGY** Nº 592  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

- ❖ **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

- ❖ **HYMN** *Joy to the World* Nº 40

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

- ❖ **CHARGE & BLESSING**  
Let us go, to join the angels in singing of God's glory and grace.  
**Let us go to share the good news,  
that Jesus, the brother of the vulnerable and forgotten is in our midst still.**  
Let us go to offer peace and goodwill to everyone...  
**joining the shepherds to tell of all we have seen and heard.**  
Go in peace!

### POSTLUDE

*Adeste Fideles*

*Homer Whitford*

*You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude  
or exit quietly after the benediction.*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**A SPECIAL WELCOME** to all newcomers: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out the welcome card in the pew rack. All are welcome to share prayers on the prayer cards.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, December 26, 2016-Monday, January 2, 2017. Please drop off end of year contributions in the glass partition of the church office, give it to a church officer, or postmark it by Saturday, December 31 in order to be credited towards 2016 giving.

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume again on Tuesday, January 10 at 11:00 AM in the office conference room. All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE! January 21 at 7:00 p.m**

All are invited to an evening of piano music and singing featuring concert pianist, Thomas Rheingans, the King's Kids Choir and the Valley Youth Choir. A pie reception will follow! All free-will donations will benefit the Children's Ministries summer program scholarships.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:** Valley's high school youth will be recycling Christmas trees again this year. If you would like to participate, you can drop your Christmas tree off in the grey trailer parked in front of the Youth House beginning December 26 along with a suggested donation of \$10 in the donation box on the trailer. If you live in the neighborhood, our youth will be driving by to collect trees on Sunday, January 8 from 12:00-2:00 PM. Please contact Allison Carlson at 5beavs@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to arrange a pick up.

**KIDS' DAY OFF**, Wednesday, December 28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Holiday games, crafts, "brunch" foods, and a fun movie will be available! Valley Youth Group (6th-12th grade) and adults will lovingly care for your 3-11 year old kids during this time. \$10/child. Please RSVP to laurel@valleycommunity.org by Monday, December 26 at noon. Thank you!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** Sundays, January 8, 15, and 25, at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall will feature presentations by Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh about how Jesus was understood by those who heard him first. A fundamental, but usually unrecognized truth is that the Bible is not a western book. It was written by, for, and about people in the ancient Mediterranean world whose culture differed from ours in nearly every respect. In this brief class, we will focus on core values in first century Galilee that shaped the way Jesus' stories were originally heard.

