

The Order for the Worship of God

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

Ten o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:29-30

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him all his angels; praise him, all his host!

People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens; and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord.

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted. Come, let us worship our God.

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 152
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 131, v. 4
*Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,
the new-born King.*

The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

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.

✦ The Prayer of Dedication

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading (pp. 857-58 in pew bible) Luke 2:22-40 (22-32)

Special Music Steve Pollack

The Sermon "The Favor of God Was Upon Him" Rev. King

The Hymn of Preparation.....No. 141
O Little Town of Bethlehem (vv. 3, 4)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Blessing and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

✦ The Hymn of DedicationNo. 145
O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1, 2)

✦ The Benediction

✦ The Congregational Response No. 138 (chorus)
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader: Kym Owens

Acolyte: TBD



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 12/31** Worship Service & Lord's Supper, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. 01/01** New Year's Day
Church office closed
- Tues. 01/02** Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 01/03** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelopes are now available. Please pick them up in the annex. Thank you.

FUNDRAISERS FOR 2018 SALEM ASP TEAMS

- It's that time again to "Make a Change!" Loose change collection for ASP can be given to Kym, Erin, Morgan, T'Aja, Sierra or Beth.
- Italian Kitchen Sub Sale beginning November 6th. Buy a sub for \$7.00 and redeem it at Italian Kitchen or Roman Pantry between November 6, 2017--January 31, 2018.

Thank you!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/03 Eppie Jones

SERMONS FOR ADVENT AND EPIPHANY

January 7, Epiphany Sunday, Baptism of the Lord, "In the Name of the Lord Jesus", Acts 19:1-7

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Mt. Pisgah AME Church Salem NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand
Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Living in Haddon Heights NJ, and seeking a new call.
Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle... U.S. Navy
James Morrison... U.S. Air Force 
Jamie Spears... U.S. Navy
Andrew Spears... Delaware Air National Guard
Matthew Kemm, M.D... U.S. Army Medical Corps
Austin Brown... U.S. Air Force

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lenhart & Davenport Families, Passing of Galen Lenhart. *(Beth Davenport's father)*
Bill Fuse, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of Gene Zieger)*
George Parris, Battling cancer. *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*
Gary Bell, Battling cancer. *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*
Scott, Recurrence of throat cancer. *(Friend of Lindsey Zieger)*
Chelsea Slaughter & Baby Amelia, Salem resident (daughter of Chris Davenport's co-worker, Gail Slaughter); Chelsea is now at home and baby Amelia continues to be hospitalized.
Dawn Kimble, Continued prayers for health concerns.
First Presbyterian Church, The work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee continues. We have sorted through one hundred resumes and have requested further information from several. Now we await these people to respond positively. Although the process moves slowly, the members of the committee are committed to finding God's perfect candidate for our church. Please continue to pray regularly for the members of the committee (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin, Wendy) that we will always be reminded of the importance of our task. Pray also for John, giving thanks for his willingness to serve us while he waits for this interim season to come to a close.
Harry Springer, Heart valve replacement surgery. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*
Elvena Eastlack, Recovering from second major back surgery. *(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)

Charis and Ana Williams, Undergoing treatment for Lyme Disease and related complications.

Peg Ingram, Recovering from Lyme Disease.

Colton Colican, Recovering from extensive injuries resulting from an auto accident. *(Friend of Lindsey Zieger)*

Ann Eber, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. *(Mike Eber's mother)*

Mike Smith, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell)*

Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.

Robert Parker, Health concerns. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*

Brandon Bush, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Bob Hyatt, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. *(Joe's piano coach)*

Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. *(Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter)*

Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. *(Friend of the Warren/Owens Families)*

Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment. *(Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem)*

Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery. *(Friend of Betty Simpkins)*

Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.

Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack)*

Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor. *(Friend of the Kings)*

Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment. *(16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell)*

Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. *(Steve Pollack's brother)*

Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.

Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues. *(John King's sister & brother-in-law)*

Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. *(Friend of Sharon Eastlack)*

Amy Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.

Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. *(Friend of Beth Davenport)*

