# Service of Worship

**Preparing for worship**—For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

Leader: The Lord be with you! **People: The Lord bless you!** 

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRELUDE** 



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† INTROIT # 218 – Angels, from the Realms of Glory

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness;

I will go through them, And I will praise the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord,

Through which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise You, For You have answered me,

And have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

John 4:23-24

Save now, I pray, O Lord;

O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, And He has given us light;

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;

You are my God, I will exalt You.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

And His mercy endures forever.

Leader: O Lord, give ear to our prayers.

People: Light the darkness of our hearts, Christ Jesus!

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 172 – Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (Let those who are able kneel)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:

People: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the

devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen!* 

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:14-16

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave.

Believe this, and rejoice!





Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is proper and right to do so.



### God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Isaiah 61:10-62:3

† SECOND READING

Leader: The Word of the Lord—
People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT 1 John 2:12-14

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Basic Teaching on Assurance

Mr. Ron White

Luke 2:22-40

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

# 170 – Fairest Lord Jesus



## God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! **People:** And His mercy endures forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread # 363 – We Gather Together
Passing of the Wine # 253 – There is a Fountain Filled With Blood

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you

steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI #735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen!



God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

**‡ DOXOLOGY** 

<sup>†</sup> The congregation will please stand

<sup>‡</sup> With hands uplifted

Notes

# Announcements

#### **CHURCH FUNCTIONS**

- · Wednesday night activities canceled for this week.
- Second Sunday Lunch
  - January 11

#### **NURSERY WORKERS**

- Today
  - Brantleys (Sunday School)
  - Rose Ann Davis & Libby Grete (Worship)
- Next Week
  - Weises (Sunday School)
  - Elise & Rachel Grete (Worship)





FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28, 2014

9:00 AM Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship

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Previous services and events are also available.