

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

December 26, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING the PEACE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP(responsively)**

**Liturgist:**

Leader: Let Us enter God's house this day to praise and worship the Lord!

**People: God heard our pleas and in Jesus came sharing the joy of divine love.**

Leader: In Jesus we saw God with us and the world would not hear his word.

**People: God's wisdom confounds even the wise among us, yet God loves us each one.**

Leader: Then Let us celebrate with joyful hearts the wonderful gift of Christ.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**\*CHRISTMAS CAROL *I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day***

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all the universe, in the life and words of Jesus Your wisdom and love challenged all that we had come to believe. Help us now to share Your love. In Christ we pray, Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, so often we have though too highly of the wisdom by which we have chosen to live, and we have failed to seek Your wisdom and Your guidance in our lives. When we have prayed seeking Your guidance, too often we have still chosen to ignore Your will and go our own ways. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the strength and courage to seek and follow You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: Have you not heard? Do you not know?

**People: Heard what? Know what?**

Leader: Jesus Christ lived, died and was resurrected for our sake!

**People: In His life, death and resurrection we are forgiven and made new!**

**All: Glory to God in the Highest!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 3:12-17

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:41-52

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**CHRISTMAS REFLECTION**

*What Christmas Means to Me*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

*[The Nicene Creed]*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory

**\*Doxology (Unison)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL HYMN #136  
\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

\*POSTLUDE

USHERS:

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Daisy Boyer & family, Abby Lineberry, Bonnie Stearns, Lee Liebetreu's family, Ann Titus, Stewart & Pam Orr, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, Jason Sybert, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and its various strains, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Haiti, Ethiopia, and those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

**This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!**

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*. There are no closed doors here.*

**Christ Welcomes All Here!**

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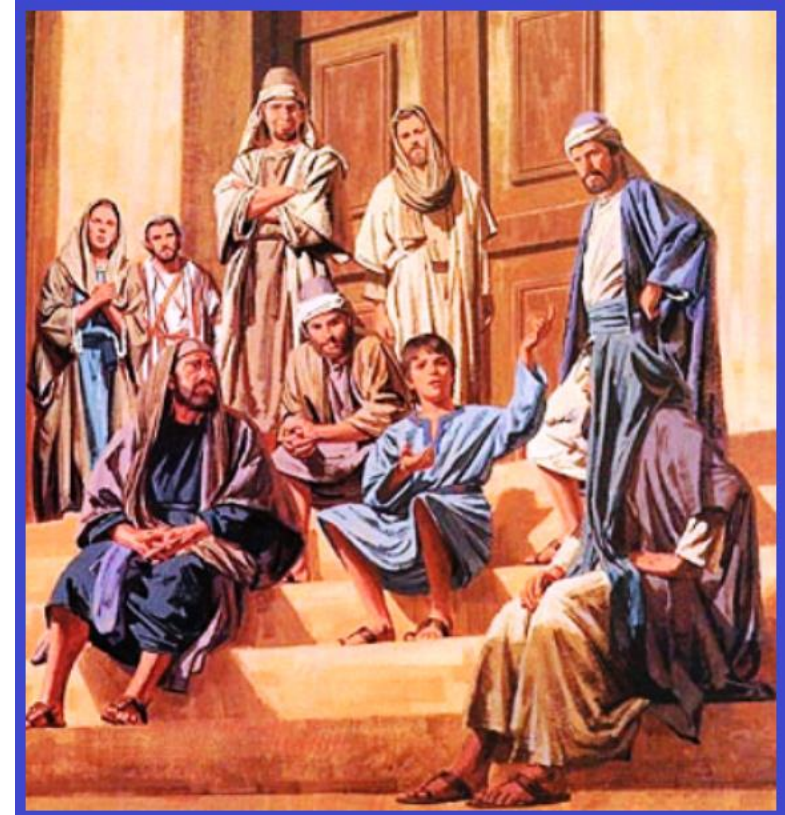
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## Week of December 26 thru January 2

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments following in the Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ALL WEEK</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>A.A. in the Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship w/Communion</b>

**Nursery Care is provided during the worship service.** Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.

### *I Wonder as I Wander*

1. I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and  
shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the  
promise of ages it then did recall.
3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was  
the King.

### *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

1. I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet  
the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.
2. I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom and rolled along  
the unbroken son of peace on earth, goodwill to men,
3. And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, goodwill to men."
4. then pealed the bells more loud and deep" "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, goodwill to men."
5. Till, ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day, a voice,  
a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

### *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Refrain:      *Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!***

1. While shepherd kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain**
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus and hailed our Savior's brith. **Refrain**
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**