

Taking the Word of God into the World

† **Hymn of Inspiration #150:** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

† **Benediction**

† **Response:** *Amen*

Danish

† **Postlude:** *Postlude in A Major*

Friedrich William Zachau

First Presbyterian Church
of Pasadena

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 3, 2016

10:30 am

Like an infant's open-eyed wonder
and the insights of a wise grandmother,
like a young man's vision for justice
and the vitality that shines in a girl's face,
like tears that flow in a friend bereaved
and laughter in a lover's eyes,
you have given me ways of seeing, O God,
you have endowed me with sight like your own.
Let these be alive in me this day,
let these be alive in me.

(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*, p. 17)

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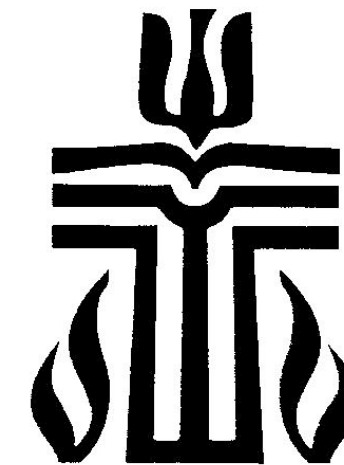
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Prelude: *Kings of Orient*

arr. Michael Cox

Introit: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

harm. J. S. Bach

†Call to Worship:

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,

All: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Leader: Now the fullness of time has come:

All: And the Word became flesh to dwell among us.

†Hymn of Praise #12: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You call us home from our exile, yet we remain wandering and lost. You came to dwell among us, yet we refuse to welcome you. Forgive us, God of grace. Gather us up in your arms and hold us close, as your own, so that we may live to praise you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #580

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
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Anthem: *A Carol of Hope*

Benjamin Harlan

Born in a manger, infant most lowly, child of holy birth;
Angels protect You, wise men adore You, Savior of all the earth.
All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.
Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.

Star in the heavens leads the way brightly to the infant boy.
Shepherds and wise men fall to their knees with hearts that are filled with joy.
All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.
Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.

There in a cradle, a simple stable, lies a tiny King.
All hope and love from our God above is the message that He would bring.
All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.
Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #466: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

First Lesson: John 1:10-18 (p. 750)

Sermon Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (p. 560)

Sermon: "Gathering, Watering, Rejoicing"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

†Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

†Hymn of Affirmation #772: *Live Into Hope*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *The Peaceable Things*

Clay R. Christiansen

†Doxology #609: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication