

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

10:30 am



Mission Statement

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

O God, our Father, Creator of the universe, whose Son, Jesus Christ, came to our world,
pour your Holy Spirit upon your Church, that all the people of our world,
being led through the knowledge of your truth to worship you,
may offer the gold of intellect,
the frankincense of devotion,
and the myrrh of discipline
to him who is with you and the Holy Spirit
who liveth and reigneth for ever one God, world without end.

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Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. James Currie, Preaching
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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: *Mary Did You Know?* Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene/arr. by Randy Smith

Introit

†**Call to Worship**

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

All: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

All: the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

†**Hymn of Praise:** #136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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) #581**

†**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.
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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 #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Psalm 148 (p. 448)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 2:22-40 (p. 725)

Sermon: “*A Leap Into a New Year*”

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #686 *God of Our Life*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Johann Gottfried Walther

†**Doxology:** #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†**Prayer of Dedication**

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Inspiration:** #687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

†**Benediction**

Response

†**Postlude:** *Kings of Orient*

John Henry Hopkins, Jr./arr. by Michael Cox