

MORNING WORSHIP

January 1, 2017

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

Prelude: "Christmas Rejoicing"
"Christmas Majesty"

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ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-4, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

* Hymn: PH 428

"O Worship the King"

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* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

O Lord our God, You, who are Alpha and Omega, beginning and end—eternity is yours, beyond our ability to fathom. And yet, you are near to us now as we call on you. Be glorified in us, in our time and place, and guide us by your love, today, tomorrow, and always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

* Response: Bulletin p. 5

"In Christ Alone"

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Romans 6:1-2

Prayer of Confession:

God of compassion, who sent your son to save the world and who promises to make all things new: Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

I Corinthians 5:17-19a

Responsive Reading of God's Will for Our Lives: PH 1017

Response: PH 547

"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

ELLACOMBE

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn: Bulletin p. 6 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 ; Romans 5:6-11

Sermon: *Aude Lang Syne: The Past, the Future, and the Present*

Prayer:

**We bind unto ourselves the name, the strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three,
Of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of our salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord! Amen!**

* Hymn: PH 543

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

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THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Messiah Suite"

arr. Fettke

* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.