



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017 10am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Wade/Dicie

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jennifer Battaglioli
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Souper Bowl of Caring Rachel Grice

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Battaglioli
One: We meet to worship God,
**All: and to give thanks for the birth of Jesus, who lived and died,
and rose from death to show that God loves us, God calls us,
and God is with us.**
One: Bring mind and body, heart and voice:
All: Our Savior comes. Rejoice! Rejoice!
(Brian Wren)

*HYMN 110 "Love Has Come" BRING A TORCH

COME AS A CHILD
(Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)

Sing (114, v. 3) "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG
*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 18 "Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator" BATAK MELODY
(Based on Lectionary Scripture – Psalm 148)
(v. 1 Jenna Lillian, vss. 2 & 3 All)
Daniel Cole & Mason McBride, percussion

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

SONGS OF THE INCARNATION Jennifer Battaglioli

Zechariah's Benedictus (Blessing) – Prayer of Thanksgiving

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 1:67-79 Jacob Battaglioli
(NT, page 58)

HYMN 109 "Blest Be the God of Israel" MERLE'S TUNE
(Song of Zechariah)

Mary's Magnificat (Magnifies) – Praise in acceptance of God's will

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Luke 1:46-55 Isabel Battaglioli
(NT, page 57)

SONG OF MARY "Ave Maria" Bach/Gounod
Jenna Lillian, soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER Jennifer Battaglioli

Simeon's Nunc Dimittus (Dismiss your servant) – Prayer of Confidence

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE Luke 2:21-38 Kevin Johnson
(NT, page 59)
Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

HYMN 545 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LAND OF REST
(Song of Simeon)

REFLECTION "Praising God, and Saying ..." Jennifer Battaglioli

Sending People to Serve in the World

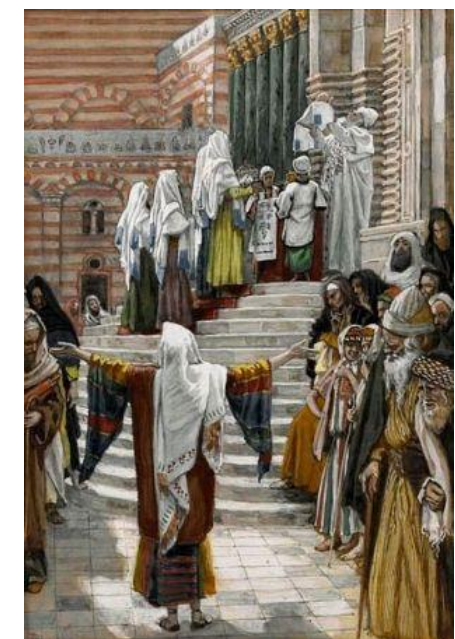
OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC Linda Dover
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Willis/Pethel

*HYMN 134 (verses 1 & 2) "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Good Tidings of Great Joy" Handel/Bass

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The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple by James Tissot
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