

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 26, 2021

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 2:10-11

*HYMN "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" #151

*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison): "Lord Jesus Christ, we become so captivated by Christmas that we forget that you, the little baby in the manger, grew up as the Lord over all creation. It is sometimes easier to leave you in the manger than it is to face your difficult teachings and fierce challenges. We often do not follow these teachings, and we do not live up to your challenges. We need your grace and your strength to follow you more closely. Forgive us, we pray. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:3-7

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Isaiah 49:5-7

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 2:22-35

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "We Three Kings" #166

SERMON "The Waiting Is Over"

*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #138

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing)
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG "Come On, Ring Those Bells" #153
(* If you are able, please stand.)

Special Prayers of Concern:

Bonnie S.

Louise S.

Peggy M.

Joan T.

Gerry C.

Howard B.

Dolly K.

Rose F.

Geri C.

Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

Ryan and Alethia White, Germany

Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo Hong Kong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are not vaccinated and have not had COVID, please wear a mask when indoors.

The pastor will be on vacation for a week, beginning Thursday.

The Lego Tournament will be held Saturday January 22, as we welcome imaginative 1st-6th graders to demonstrate their creativity. Please use the flyers in the lobby to invite those who may be interested. Speak with Peter if you'd like to help with the meal, with registration, or with judging.

Thank you to all the bakers and buyers for our Christmas Cookie Sale! The sale earned \$1,729.00 by selling nearly 300 dozen cookies.

Our livestream team could use another member! If you would like to help on occasion, please speak with Heather I or Roger W.

Collection bins in the lobby:

Butler High School: personal hygiene and feminine products

Lighthouse: shopping bags and egg cartons

Military:

Jeremy H.

Matthew David M.

Justin T.

Scott F.

Frank Dill

Michael S.

Glen P.

Will B.

Jacob H.

Christian C.

Ryan W.

Hunter M.

Christopher H.

Arthur B.

Kevin E.

Danner C.

Daniel B.

Spencer K.