



*Welcome to Hillcrest Presbyterian
Church*

December 31, 2017

A Service For The Worship Of God

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.



Processional Hymn #40

Joy to the World!

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

People: Christ came into the world a baby, weak and vulnerable

Leader: Quickly, Jesus grew into a man of wisdom, strength and grace

People: Let us be like children, Lord, ready and willing to accept your grace.

Leader: Guide us, Lord, as we grow in faith. Grant us wisdom and strength.

ALL: With great joy, we welcome Christ our Redeemer into our lives and into our worship

Hymn "Oh, Draw Me, Lord"

Selah

Oh, draw me, Lord
Oh, draw me, Lord
Oh, draw me, Lord
And I'll run after You

Repeat 5x

Prayer of Invocation (responsively)

All: Living Christ, come to us today.

Women: If we are hurt,

All: heal us.

Men: If we have run away,

All: bring us home.

Women: If we are trapped or lost,

All: rescue us.

Men: Bring us together and touch our hearts,

Women: that we may know you, love you, and follow you, today, tomorrow, and always.

All: We ask it in your name. Amen.

Call To Confession

Confident of God's gracious love for us, let us, in all humility and faith, confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord, we love to hear the story of Mary. We marvel that God would take a young woman from a small town to accomplish God's purpose. We confess that we miss God's opportunities in our lives. We have blotted out the possibility that God could use us to accomplish God's purposes of healing and hope. We think that we are unworthy and that God would surely seek someone else to do the work. It is easy for us to put down the gifts God has lavished upon us, suggesting that we can't use them, don't know how to use them, or simply don't have the time. Lord, forgive us for our stubbornness, our faithlessness, our selfishness. Heal and restore us.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance Of Pardon

Leader: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Leader: *As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: *And Also With You.*

Leader: *Let us turn and greet one another*

Children's Time

Hymn: We Have A Savior

Hillsong

Verse 1

A child has been given
King of our freedom
Sing for the Light has come
This is Christmas

Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior
We have a Savior
We are no longer lost
Cause He has come down for us
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

Verse 2

Come and adore Him
And bring gifts before Him
Joy to the world
Worship the Son
This is Christmas

Verse 3
Sing with the angels
And lift up your voices
Join in the song of hope
This is Christmas

Chorus

This is Jesus Emmanuel

This is Jesus Emmanuel
Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior
We have a Savior
We are no longer lost
Cause He has come down for us
We have a Savior
We have a Savior
We have a Savior
His love will reign forever
His love will reign forever
His love will reign forev - er

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This is Jesus Emmanuel
Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior
We have a Savior
We are no longer lost
Cause He has come down for us
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music

Jo Lynne Palmerton

Scripture (Quoted or adapted from Joel 2: 27; Zephaniah 3: 15, 17; Ezekiel 34: 11– 16; 37: 26– 27; Zechariah 8: 3–8; 2: 10; Isaiah 12: 6.)

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that
I, the Living God, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
The Living God has taken away the judgments against you,
and has turned away your enemies.
The Living God is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
The Living God will rejoice over you with gladness,
renew you with love,
and exult over you with loud singing.
I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out.
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down.
I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strayed.
I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak.
I will feed them with justice.
I will make a covenant of peace with them.
My dwelling place shall be with them;
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
I will return to Zion,
and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem;
Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city.
Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem,
And the city shall be full of children playing in its streets.
They shall be my people and I will be their God,
in faithfulness and in righteousness.
Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For see,
I will come and dwell in your midst.
Many nations shall join themselves to me on that day,
and they shall be my people;
and I will dwell in your midst.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Message

Rev. Jack Cormack

Hymn #29

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

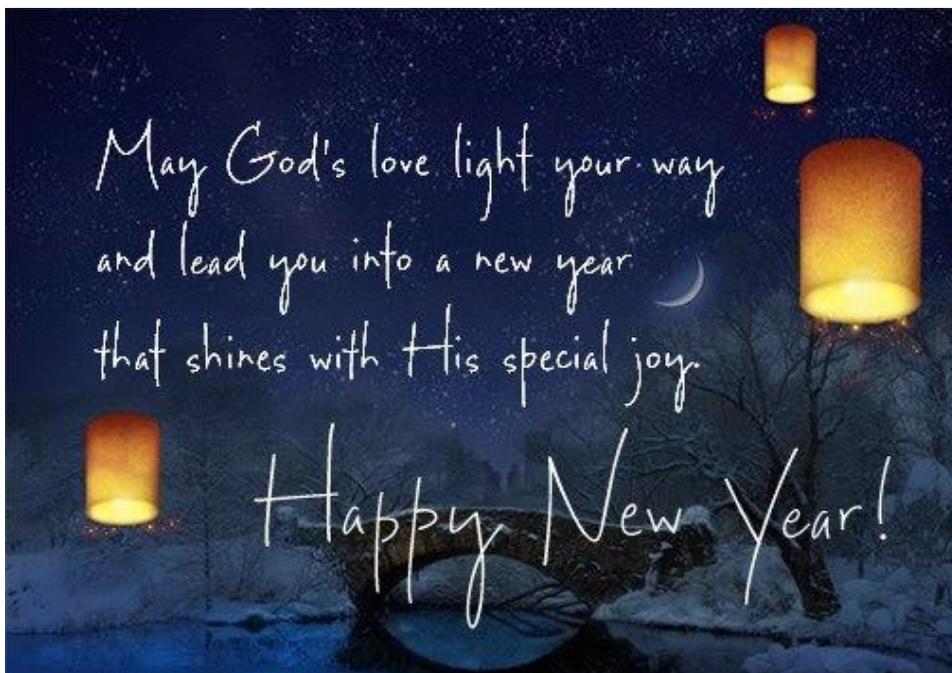
While We Are Waiting, Come

*While we are waiting come, while we are waiting come
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory come; with power and glory come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist



In Our Prayers

Our homebound: Harold Hiser, Gusta Zweerink, Wayne & Gladys Zweerink,

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Lisa Reynolds, January 1

Mike Scott, January 5

Carol Ann Morlock, January 6

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Fifth Sunday Dinner following Worship

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Property Committee, 5:30pm

Choir, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Meals on Wheels, Garry & Debbie Hill

Shooting Fellowship, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Security Seminar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Communion

De-hanging the Greens

Van Driver: Alex/Kyle Miller

Nursery: Debbie Hill

Sound:

Building Monitor: Norm Meester

Ongoing Missions:

Food Pantry

Meals on Wheels

Rare Breed meals

Ronald McDonald House meals

The Food Pantry needs:



Jelly

Pasta

Canned Vegetables

Committees need to get their annual report for 2017 into the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Following Worship today we will be having our fifth Sunday dinner. Everyone is welcome to join the food and fellowship!

The Outreach Committee collects coats during the winter months to be distributed to the needy. Children's items are especially needed. The collection bin is in the Health Ministry Room.

A reminder from the Administration Committee: As predicted our budget is going to have a short fall this year. We know things get crazy this time of year but please consider a Christmas gift to your church. Thank you

Giving envelopes for 2018 are in the Narthex. Envelopes were made for those who regularly use them. If there is not one for you and you would like one please see Heather or Sammy.

Upcoming January Events:

Jan 8 Dinner at Cox Ronald McDonald House

Jan 10 Outreach Committee, 5:30pm

Jan 11 Meals on Wheels, Meester

Jan 11 Session, 6:00pm

Jan 13 Men's Breakfast, 8:00am Golden Corral

Jan 15 Book Club, 7:00pm

Jan 18 Meals on Wheels, Palmerton

Jan 25 Meals on Wheels, Garten & Hackett

Jan 25 Discipleship Committee, 5:30pm

Jan 28 Annual Meeting

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