

# ORDER OF SERVICE

January 1, 2012

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**                    “Andante”                    Adolph Hesse

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;**

**praise him in the heights!**

He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**Praise the Lord!**

\* **Hymn**            “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”                    #280

**Announcements and Affirmation of Community**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of the past, present and future, of Alpha and Omega, we gather this morning at the beginning of a new year to worship and praise you. Even as we turn the page on an old year and welcome a new one with hope, we remember that you have turned the page on our sins, on our failings as your people, and offered us forgiveness and new life in Christ. Strengthen our faith and give us courage as we face this new year. Help us to trust in you in all things.** (moment of silence for personal reflection.) **Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

\***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.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

## Prayer of Illumination

**First Scripture Lesson** Luke 2:22-40 (p. 59)

**Anthem** “Morning Song” Felix Mendelssohn

**Second Scripture Lesson** Psalm 148 (p.582)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “A Psalm for the New Year” Rev. Kathleen Crighton

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

1 We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant  
people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

**\*Hymn** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

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## **Call for Dedication of Life and Substance**

**Offertory**                    “Meditation”                    Felix Mendelssohn

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication Concerns of the Church**

#### **Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer (sins) p. 16

**Prayer Response**                    “Amen”

**Hymn**                    “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”                    #438

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                    “Dir, dir Jehova, Will ich Singen”                    August Reinhard

**All are invited to remain seated during the postlude** at the end of the service. If you are unable to remain during this time, please leave as quietly as possible.

**WELCOME** to the First Presbyterian Church. We invite all visitors to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall, directly below the sanctuary, following the service. We encourage both members and visitors to wear their name tags. Thank you to our hosts The Pomerance family.

**USHERS:** Frank & Sandy Baehre

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Vicki Washburn

**ORGANIST:** David Carpenter

**GUEST ORGANIST:** Barbara Doh  
**PRE-SERVICE PIANIST:** Meg Smith  
**PASTOR:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Carl Zehr  
**CLERK OF SESSION:** Judy Bunnell  
**MODERATOR OF DEACONS:** Sally Meisenheimer  
**DIR. OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES:** Marianne Wilson  
**MODERATOR of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** Marjorie Mapstone  
**MINISTERS:** All the members of this congregation.

Members and visitors are asked to sign the friendship pads in the pews and pass them down the pews, noting the names of those around you so you can greet them after the service.

**PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK OF January 1, 2012**

Joseph & Judith Budall  
Judy Bunnell

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda & Al Tripp	Arthur Newgarden
Laura Zehr	Jamie Svenson
Audrey Walker	Tim Blow
Joel Keltner (in Afghanistan)	Candy & John Wagner
Joe Krugler (in Afghanistan)	Marilee Patnode
Wally Hauver (Kay Haupt's brother)	
The family of John Boule	

**No Youth Monday because the office is closed in observance of New Year's Day.**

**Sunday Adult Christian Education:** Resumes January 8, 2012  
*Adult Life Application Class* – meets each week in the Youth Director's office following worship. Led by Sally Meisenheimer.  
*God in America – Part II “Outside Prophet”* - meets in the church library at 11:00 sharp. Led by Stuart Voss.

**Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, January 7th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under age 6, and \$10 at the door that night. Take out will

again be offered. Youth will sell tickets during coffee hour each Sunday, or they can be purchased during the week from Marianne Wilson in the office.

On Wednesday, January 4, 2012 our church will be providing the volunteer staff for the **Community Meal** program at Trinity Episcopal Church. Volunteers are needed to arrive around 4 p.m. help set up, to make coffee, serve food, do kitchen and dining room cleanup, etc. We are usually finished by 7 p.m. If you can help, speak to Judy Bunnell (561-8011).

*MISSION STATEMENT*  
*To*  
*Worship Christ*  
*Teach Faith*  
*And*  
*Practice Love*

**1January 2012 Sermons**

**January 1, 2012**

First Sunday after Christmas

Luke 2:22-40

Psalm 148

Sermon: "A Psalm for the New Year"

**January 8, 2012**

Epiphany Texts/Communion

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "The Light and the Dark"

**January 15, 2012**

Baptism of the Lord Texts

Genesis 1:1-5

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: "By Water and Spirit"

**January 22, 2012**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 1:14-20

Psalm 62:5-12

Sermon: "For God Alone"

**January 29, 2012**

"Fifth Sunday Worship"