

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

10:30 AM

\* *Stand if you are able*

**Bold:** *Said by all*

*All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.*

*Musical Prelude*

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship:**

\* Gathering Hymn: *"Good Christians, All Rejoice"*

(#141)

**Prayer of Approach:**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison):**

God of wonder,

you surround us with signs of your glory  
and surprise us with your presence,

yet we often miss the marvels you place

Forgive our dullness and make us alert

to the ways you make yourself known,

that we might be witnesses to your

and proclaim your extravagant love;

through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.



before us.

good news

Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Anthem: *"What Is That Light?"*

*(Terry York and David Schwoebel)*

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**MINISTER:** Rev. Mikal Schomburg

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Ian Madge

\*Children's Hymn: *"A Holy Baby"*

(#345)

Children's Time

(Children Grade 12 and under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer for Illumination (in unison):** Speak, Lord, in the stillness, speak your word to me; hushed my heart to listen in expectancy. Amen.



**Scriptures**  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

*Silent Reflection*

### **OUR RESPONSE**

\* Hymn of Response: *"In Bethlehem A Newborn Boy"* (#140)

\* **Declaration of Faith** (in unison):

**I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.**

**I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town;  
and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large  
and small.**

**I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that  
my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.**

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**I believe in the one whom the rulers of the Earth ignored  
and the proud could never understand;  
whose life was among common people,  
whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.**

**I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.**

**I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms,  
whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth,  
who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them,  
who by love brought sinners back to purity,  
and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

**I confess my everlasting need of God:**

**The need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed,  
the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.**

**I believe in God who gives us the best of himself.**

**I believe in Jesus, the son of the living  
God, born in Bethlehem, for me and for the world. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

\* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**SENDING**

\* Parting Hymn: *"Joy to the World"* (#153)

\* Benediction:

\* *"Go Now In Peace"*

\* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude