

# First Sunday After Christmas

## Blended Worship Service

(Traditional & Contemporary Elements)

The Gathering 8:15 a.m.

Date: December 27, 2015

- *Childcare is available for children 5 and under downstairs in the nursery.*
- *Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please ask one of the ushers.*
- *Please write PRAYERS on a prayer paper and place in the offering plate as it is passed.*

### Welcome to Worship

\* indicates please rise in body or spirit

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#### Introduction to Worship and Prayer

**Prelude** "Joy to the World" Arr. by Martin

#### Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Call To Worship** On Screen

#### \*Worship in Song

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" #2098 Black Song Book (vv. 1-3)  
(Children are invited to move up front for the Children's Gathering on last verse.)

**Children's Gathering** (Please Pass Attendance Pads)  
"Come, Little Children" #3055 Green Song Book (v. 2)

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 98:4 #936 Pew Bible  
**\*Gospel Reading** Luke 2:7, 20 #1590 Pew Bible

**Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.**  
**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**\*\*"Glory Be"** On Screen

**Ministry Of Music** "Welcome To The World" By Rice

**Sermon:** "Stories Behind Favorite Christmas Carols:  
Joy to the World, Away in a Manger, Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Pastor Steve Reinhard

(Message Notes are included on the back of the bulletin)

#### A Time of Reflection on the Word of God

**\*Worship in Song** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230 Hymnal (vv. 1-2)

#### Offering of our Gifts and Lives / Offertory Prayer

- *Whether making a donation or not, EVERYONE is invited to touch the offering plates, offering a prayer to give ourselves to God in heart, soul, mind and strength.*

**Offertory** "Angels / Go Tell it on the Mountain" Arr. by Smith  
**\*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** #94 Hymnal  
**\*Dedication of Our Gifts**

#### Prayer Requests -- Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

**Pastor's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** Sung

#### Welcoming Our Guests

**\*Song of Sending Forth**  
"Jesus, the Light Of The World" #3056 Green Song Book (vv. 1- 3)

**\*Closing Blessing and Sending to Serve** On Screen

#### Passing of the Peace of God and Inviting one another to fellowship\*\*\*

**Postlude** "Rise Up, Shepherds and Follow" Arr. by Hayes

\*\*\*Following worship you are invited to stay for fellowship in Baldrige Hall at the east end of the building.