

First Sunday After Christmas

Traditional Worship Service

The Gathering 11:15 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

Introduction to Worship and Prayer

Prelude "Joy to the World" Arr. by Martin

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship On Screen

***Hymn of Praise** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240 Hymnal (vv. 1-3)
(Children are invited to move up front for the Children's Gathering on last verse.)

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

Ministry of Music "Welcome To Our World" By Rice

Prayer of Illumination In Unison, On Screen

Scripture Reading Psalms 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!

****"Gloria Patri"** #70 Hymnal

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

***Statement of Faith** On Screen

***Hymn of Dedication** "He Is Born" #228 Hymnal

Offering of our Gifts and Lives

- *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

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Sung

Welcoming Our Guests

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

***Benediction and Commission 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.

