

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **My soul magnifies the Lord,**

People: **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God of power and love, You raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice, and to live in His love. Unite all human kind in Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, Forever and ever. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 134 *"Joy to the World"* ANTIOCH

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, forgive us for sins against You and against those around us. Be known to us through word and deed, showing us Your way. Though we struggle to work for justice, we often fail. We send money to those in need around the world and fail to notice those who are struggling right outside our door. Forgive our lack of awareness and help us to see what You would have us do. **(Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say,)** In Jesus' name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 148 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!**

People: **Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!**

Leader: **Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!**

People: **Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.**

People: **He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: **Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,**

People: **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command!**

Leader: **Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars!.**

People: **Wild animals and cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: **Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**

People: **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Leader: **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.**

People: **He has raised us a horn for His people, praise for all His faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to Him. Praise the Lord!**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS **Our New Testament Lesson comes from Colossians 3:12-17, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 201 of the New Testament**
Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON **Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 2:41-52, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 59 of the New Testament**
Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON (taken from Sermon Central's "what does it mean to honor our parents?") Pat Nash

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 140 "*Once in Royal David's City*" IRBY

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of joy and exultation, You strengthen what is weak; You enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear. Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good

news of salvation and keep us faithful in Your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ who lives for ever and ever. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 123 “*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*” CAROL

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 136 “*Go Tell It on the Mountain*” refrain GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

POINSETTIAS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON GIVEN</u>
2	Bill and Lori Gast	In memory of Scott Gast
1	Joe and Lorrinda Alexander	In memory of Jeff Alexander
1	Joe and Lorrinda Alexander	The Alexander family
2	Pat Nash	Celebrating Christ’s birth
2	Elizabeth Price	In memory of Byron and Tom Price
2	Janet Boyanton	In memory of Julie Ciuro
2	Janet Boyanton	In memory of Robert Boyanton
2	Janet Boyanton	In memory of Harvey and Helen Shafer

Daily Bread

Supplement

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WE NEED YOUR HELP TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 10:30 am. Please come and help, it should only take an hour or two if we have enough people to pitch in. Thank you in advance.

Pat Nash, Faith in Action Committee

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

You may take home your plant(s) following the worship service.

Pat Nash, Faith in Action Committee

PLEDGING NEEDS

We have received very few pledges to date. This makes preparing a budget to cover our church needs very problematic. Please consider making a pledge (letters, cards and envelopes are located on the Narthex table at the back of the sanctuary.)

Pat Nash, Administration Committee

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY – New Year's 2025

NEXT SUNDAY - Communion

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Travel mercies for all our members and friends traveling during the holiday

Eliana Grace was born months prematurely, and her lungs are not functioning properly

Lorrinda fell and broke her pelvis, prayers for a speedy recovery

Bryan Booth Krueger fell on Christmas Day and broke a leg in 3 places

CELEBRATIONS

We are celebrating the staff of DeSoto Presbyterian Church

Janet thanks Heidi and all the children (including the “older children” for the work they did in the pageant this year