

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Located on inside, back cover of the hymnal. Alternate Text: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.)

GOING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN *Insert*

"Carol of the Manger"

*CHARGE

Matthew 5:14-16

Pastor: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

People: No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

Pastor: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE



We are glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to consider the Collierville Presbyterian family. If you have any questions or want to know more about membership you may let us know through the fellowship pad, or by contacting the pastor or another elder.

Collierville Presbyterian Church • Presbyterian Church (USA)
Rev. Mark Wright, Pastor • Renée Murray, Accompanist

*"I have come as
light into the world,
so that everyone
who believes in me
should not remain
in the darkness."*

John 12:46

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • 12:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY • DECEMBER 25, 2016

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *(As we prepare ourselves for worship, let us individually pray.)*

Now in the silence, whisper of joy which comes into every life. Now in the comfort of carols, sing of hope which takes away the despair which envelops us. Now in familiar words heard anew, speak to us of grace and peace. Now leaning next to those who have always been a part of us, and those from whom we have been apart, remind us of your heart which always accepts us, always welcomes us. Now in the love which is ours forever, draw us closer to your heart, so we can be surprised by wonder, swaddled in serenity, and embraced by tenderness. Now touch us once again with Christmas.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"The Word Became Flesh"

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(*Please stand if able.) (Responsive) from Genesis 1:1-4 and John 1:1-5*

Pastor: In the beginning of creation, when God made heaven and earth, the earth was without form and void. Darkness was over the face of the deep, and a mighty wind swept over the waters. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

People: God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from darkness.

Pastor: When all things began, the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. Through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him. All that came to be was alive with his life, and that life was the light of the world.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 28

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

This was going to be the year, O Lord, when we were going to give away more than we spent, but we didn't. This was going to be the season when we spent more time with others, but we filled our calendars with meetings. This was going to be the Christmas when we wrote personal letters to friends and family, but spent too much energy filling out our to-do lists. This was going to be a truly peaceful and holy season, but it just got too harried and hurried.

Forgive us, Grace-full God, and draw us closer to the Baby born not into wealth and power, but into poverty and weakness; to the One who loves unconditionally and welcomes all; to the One who drew near to us, so we might be drawn to your heart – Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Lord. *(In silence, offer your own personal confession.)*

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Sung by all)* "Gloria Patria"

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Cora Haslett

*THE DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"Old Hundredth"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

THE PROMISE OF THE LIGHT

Isaiah 9:2-7 *(OT p. 638)*

THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

John 1:1-14, 16-17; 8:12; 12:44-46 *(NT pp. 91-92; 101; 107)*

SERMON

"When Light Shines"

MEDITATIVE SILENCE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(In Unison)* Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*HYMN 309

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**Those who are able, please stand.*