

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, January 1, 2012

First Sunday after Christmas

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Organ Prelude

Choral Introit

*Processional Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 131

*Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,

a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night.

As you have led us in days past, so guide us now and always,

that our hearts may learn to choose your will,

and new resolves be strengthened; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Psalter Reading: Psalm 148 (green book) No. 31

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (page 692 of the Old Testament)

Response: Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 (page 189 of the New Testament)

Response: Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40 (page 59 of the New Testament)

Response: This is the Gospel of the Lord

Reader: **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" No. 128

Sermon

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed Inside Cover of Hymnal

Prayer of the People

Congregational Concerns

Offering

Anthem

*Doxology No. 624

*Passing of the Peace

Communion Hymn: "What Child Is This?" No. 137

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanks after Communion

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

*Recessional Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 132

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen

*Organ Postlude

*Indicates congregation standing

Our Lay Reader today is Barbara Leun.

We ask that prior to the start of the service all participate in maintaining a period of reverent quiet so that all may spiritually prepare for the worship of God.

During the Passing of the Peace we invite you to greet those seated near you with the words, May the peace of God be with you.

We invite everyone who has made a public confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (i.e. confirmation) to join with us in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As is our custom, grape juice is used instead of wine for the sharing of the cup. When receiving the bread and the cup, please hold the element until all have received so that we may partake together.