

THE TENTH DAY, AND SECOND SUNDAY, OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 2010

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

Relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us, we worship God, and witness to Jesus Christ with loving service and commitment to justice and peace.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Christmas Comes Again*

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*)

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

All: **For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government who be upon his shoulder,**

One: And his name shall be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

All: **Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom,**

One: To establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth forevermore..

All: **The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

*Hymn *Unto Us a Boy is Born* PH 142

*Unison Prayer for Christmas

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ: Grant that the same light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Lord’s Prayer (*saying “sins”*)

*(*Those who are able, please stand.)*

*The Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

Responsive Psalm *Psalm 5*

Second Reading *John 1:1-18*

Anthem *Prayer for the New Year* (G. Parker)

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* PH 146

Sermon

*Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* PH 128

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory *What Shall We Bring?* (S. Landon)

Doxology PH 515

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.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God: Through the gift of your Son you have given us freedom from sin and the opportunity for a more abundant life in Him. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

PH 122

Benediction

Sung Response

Threefold Amen

Postlude

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