

DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PASSING OF THE LOVE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Andrea V. Woolley

Please take a moment to complete the section at the top of the insert, fold and tear it off at the perforation and put it in the offering plate. Or, you may share contact info or comments with us by sending a text message to 502-295-0285.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PRELUDE

Suise Noël
Rebecca Decker, organ

François Couperin

INVOCATION

If spoken in a language that is unfamiliar to you, worshippers are invited to silently pray for God's presence to be felt in hearts and minds through our worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 162

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

THE FIRST NOEL

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Matthew Dyer

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Brittani M. Bair

*HYMN OF THE NEW YEAR

Ring Out the Old, Ring In the New

WALTHAM

Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go; ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, and ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life with sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease, ring out the narrow-winged lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old, ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, the larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be.

Alfred Lord Tennyson, 1850

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

SEEING THE BABY OR SALVATION?

Andrea V. Woolley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kerri Richardson Cheng

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

There's a Song in the Air

Karl P. Harrington
arr. Fred Bock

*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

Glory Be to God on High

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, to our Savior Christ the Son, to the Spirit, ever near.
Sing we to the Three-in-One: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.

Louie Bailey, 1994

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 174

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*BENEDICTION

Andrea V. Woolley

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO
arr. Diane Bish

*Worshippers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

- We welcome guest organist Rebecca Decker, an organ graduate of Georgetown College and a retired nurse who has played in a number of churches.
- CDs of today's service may be ordered through the church office.
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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.