

THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

New Year's Day

January 1, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: Wheelchairs are welcome in any aisle of the church. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as wireless hearing devices are available from the ushers as needed.

+ GATHER IN GOD'S NAME +

The Prelude

TWO SETTINGS OF "FOREST GREEN"

Wilbur Held
Paul Manz

*The prelude is a time to **silently** prepare yourself for worship with prayer and meditation. You are encouraged to read over the words of the Scripture passages, the words of the hymns and the prayers for the service in order that you can participate fully in worship.*

At the close of the service, we will participate in the Chalking of the Door. This short liturgy is a traditional way of marking churches, homes, or offices usually at the front or main entrance, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, worship or visit throughout the coming year.

Using chalk, the pastor will inscribe the door frame with the letters C+ M+ B. They come from the traditional (9th century) names for the "three kings" Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which means "May Christ bless this dwelling." On either side of the letters will be the year 2012.

***The Opening Sentences**

A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone.
This is a time of new beginnings; a time of hope and renewal.
Let us praise God for the gift of new possibilities
and let us greet this new year with gladness.

***The Response**

Monkland

**Greet we now this happy morn,
with our faith and hope new-born;
Let our voices rise as one,
welcoming this New Year begun.**

***The Prayer**

**God of newness,
we bring to you our past, that it may teach us.
We bring to you our future, that it may be blessed
with vision and hope.
We bring to you this present moment,
that you may fill it with your transforming presence.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***The Hymn #292**

ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS

Forest Green

The Welcome and News of Congregational Life

Visitors and members are asked to sign the Ministry of Friendship Book, including address and phone number. If you would like to receive the weekly E-pistle from the pastor, include your email address.

*You may fill out a **yellow card** with your prayer requests and place it in the collection basket during the Offering. The prayer requests will be included in the Prayers of the People later in the service.*

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God: you make all things new,
and forgive old wrongs that we cannot forget.
We confess we have spent time without loving,
and years without purpose; the calendar condemns us.
Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you demand.
Forgive the past; do not let evil hinder us or shame us.
Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love,
and ready to work for our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

As the assurance of pardon is proclaimed, water will be poured into the font as a reminder that it is through the waters of baptism that God's boundless grace is offered to us. The assurance will end with the words:

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*The Response

St. Anne

**Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same.**

+ PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD +

A Sacred Space for Children

As the music begins and the congregation sings, the children are invited to come forward for sacred space.

Where Children Belong

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
wor-ship-ing time. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song. This is where chil-dren be-long.

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Children, kindergarten and younger, are invited to go to the Activity Room after Sacred Space. Older children are encouraged to remain with the community at worship.

The Children's Recessional

St. Clement

**Accept, O Lord, our dedication
To fill with love the growing mind,
That in this church and congregation
The young a faith for life may find.**

The Anthem

RING OUT THE OLD

Grenoble Church melody

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 narrowing 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 Tennyson, 1849

The Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

+ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

***The Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith, Chp.6(2)

Jesus Christ is the living Word of God.
 The Word which was with God from the beginning
 was embodied in Jesus Christ.
 We hold that what God says to us and does for us
 centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord
 as he is remembered, known, and expected.
 In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:
 by grace through faith
 we are set right with God,
 adopted as children of God,
 not because of anything we have done,
 but because of what Christ has done.

***The Hymn #386**

O FOR A WORLD

Azmon

The Call to Commitment and Offering

*As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding
 and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life
 together in Jesus Christ.*

With gratitude and gladness, we give out of the gifts we have been given.



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove; so
 thank you Lord, O thank you Lord for all your love.

The Offertory

THE OLD YEAR HAS PASSED

Johann S. Bach

***The Response**

Aberystwyth

**Praise to God and thanks we bring;
Hearts, bow down, and voices sing!
Praise for happy dreams of birth,
brooding in the quiet earth!
For the year of wonder done,
Praise to the All-glorious One!
Hearts, bow down, and voices sing,
Peace, and love, and thanks we bring.**

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The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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**

+GO IN GOD'S NAME+

***The Hymn**

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

Munich

**Another year is dawning, dear Sovereign, let it be
in working or in waiting, another year with thee.
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
another year of proving thy presence all the days.**

**Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
another year of gladness ere shining from thy face;
Another year of service, of witness to thy love,
another year of striving for holier work above.**

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***The Chalking of the Door**

Peace be to this church and to all who enter here.

**"By wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures." (Proverbs)**

Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi
to the birthplace of the infant Jesus,
so enable those who worship here
to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Marking of the Door: 2012 C + M + B 2012

Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this sanctuary
and all who work and worship here
with your gracious presence,
that your love may be our inspiration,
your wisdom our guide,
your truth our light,
and your peace our benediction;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

***The Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***The Postlude**

IN THEE IS GLADNESS

Johann S. Bach

*You are invited to join with those who remain in the Sanctuary to hear the
Postlude. Recycling boxes are placed in Memorial Hall and the Narthex for
your used Bulletin.*

Liturgist

Mark O'Brien

Ushers

Chuck Miller, Nancy Quigley, Deb Maltby, David Maltby

Childcare

Ruby Lockett

De-Deck the Halls

We would like to thank everyone who assisted in Decking the Halls this year! It was wonderful to spend some time chatting, eating and decorating together. Everything looked wonderful thanks to the hard work of everyone involved! If you would like to assist in De-Decking the Halls, please join us on Thursday January 5th from 10:00am-Noon to complete the "unwrapping" of the decorations. Bring your lunch; we will eat together in a time for fellowship. Thanks again for the wonderful support during this busy time of year.

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Saturday Evening
January 21, 7:30 pm

Doane College Choir

Presenting a delightful evening program

Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster Place

Free and open to the public
Childcare provided with reservation by January 18
314.367.0367

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Sunday, January 1

10:30am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – 1st Floor

11:00am Worship – Sanctuary - 1st Floor

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

2:00pm Girl Scout Cookie Training – Girl Scout Room – Lower Level

4:00pm Girl Scout Cookie Training – Girl Scout Room – Lower Level

Wednesday, January 4

9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

11:30am Staff Meeting – Conference Room – 2nd Floor

6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal – Handbells Room – 2nd Floor

7:15pm Choir Rehearsal – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor

Thursday, January 5

9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

10am-Noon De-Deck the Halls

6:30pm Session – Upper Room – 2nd Floor

Friday, January 6

9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

Saturday, January 7

10:00am Good Ground Pantry

1:00pm Girl Scout Cookie Training – Girl Scouts Room – Lower Level

Sunday, January 8

9:30am Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge -1st Floor

9:30am Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor

9:30am Children's Sunday School – Activity Room – 1st Floor

10:10am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – 1st Floor

11:00am Worship/Communion – Sanctuary - 1st Floor

12:15pm Fellowship – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor

12:15pm Deaconess Meeting – Compton Lounge – Lower Level

12:15pm 2nd Generation/s/ Lunch – Upper Room – 2nd Floor

5:00pm Choir and Handbells Party – Dining Room – Lower Level