

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**December 30, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Joy to the World”* (Wilson)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

**Praise the Lord!**

**\*CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Congregational Requests (#108 to #156)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, you call us to clothe ourselves with compassion,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. You command us to  
bear with and forgive one another, as you have forgiven us. You  
instruct us to clothe ourselves with love, to let the peace of Christ  
rule in our hearts, and to be thankful.**

**How often we fail in these things. Forgive us, we pray. Immerse  
us in the transformative power of your Holy Spirit so that we may  
be and do what you have commanded of us, as followers of Jesus,  
the Anointed One. We pray in his name. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581**

*“Gloria Patri”* (Greatorex)

**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.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be  
with you.” “And also with you.”

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 1:24-28

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### ANTHEM

*“Love Came Down at Christmas”* (Rutter)

#### \*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 2:41-52

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SERMON

“Found at Home”

#### \*CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Scots Confession* (1560)

**That same eternal God and Father, who by grace alone chose us in his Son Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world was laid, appointed him to be our head, our brother, our pastor, and the great bishop of our souls. But since the opposition between the justice of God and our sins was such that no flesh by itself could or might have attained unto God, it behooved the Son of God to descend unto us and take himself a body of our body, flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone, and so become the Mediator between God and humanity, giving power to as many as believe in him to be the children of God.**

#### SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*“What Child Is This”* (Peery)

**\*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Almighty God, you spoke, and all things came into being. How astounding, how stunning is your creation, God Most High.**

**You created us to live in compassion for and service to one another. Today we dedicate ourselves again to that purpose: to lives of humility, patience, forgiveness, peace, and sacrificial love. In all that we do, we strive to do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to you through him. Amen.**

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.