

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 31, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

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! (Carols: #108 to #156)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Hope, we find ourselves at last in the Season of
Christmas, continuing today our celebration of your astounding
gift to us: your only Son, the Light of the World, the One whom the
wise men came to worship. We are tempted to move on, as the
world has done, pushing Christmas into the past. Forgive our
haste to forget the wonder and joy of this season, the depth of your
love for us, the miracle of the child born in Bethlehem. Give us the
will and persistence to celebrate your gift throughout the year, as
we watch and wait for his return in power. 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 (Creatorex)

**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

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Galatians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

“The Silent Place”

Written and Sung by J. Wayne Bevers

*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 2:22-40

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“A Light for Revelation”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1561)

We further believe and teach that the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, was predestinated or foreordained from eternity by the Father to be the Savior of the world. And we believe that he was born, not only when he assumed flesh of the Virgin Mary, and not only before the foundation of the world was laid, but by the Father before all eternity in an inexpressible manner.

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**

***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

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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.