



Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church

Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

Sunday, December 31, 2017, 10:00 AM
The First Sunday of Christmastide

Gather in God's Name

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. * Stand as you are able. Please sign the fellowship pad, found on the chair on the center aisle. When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

Prelude John Reid – Bassoon, Carol Reid – Violin, Chris Tackett - Piano

Please conclude conversation in preparation to hear God's Word in worship.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

A Moment for Stewardship

Dave Smith

Introit

Chris Tackett

Call to Worship (responsive)

Worship Co-Leader: Pamela Schultz

Sing praises to the Lord!

Sing the Lord praises in the highest heavens.

**All of you angels, and all who serve God above,
come and offer praise.**

Sun and moon, and all of you bright stars, come and offer praise.

**Highest heavens, and the water above the highest heavens,
come and offer praise.**

Let all things praise the name of the Lord,
because they were created at God's command.

God made them to last forever,

and nothing can change what the Lord has done. Amen!

***Hymn #132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Call to Confession

God loves us and has called us to be people of faith.

So let us be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient.

May we be gracious with each other

and forgive anyone who does us wrong,

just as Christ has forgiven us. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

As another year draws to a close,
we come together before you, O God,
confessing the ways we have been caught up
in the frenzied spirit of the holidays.

If we have turned away from your Spirit of Peace, forgive us.

If we have focused solely on our own desires, turn us toward others.

If we have neglected people who cry out for justice, help us hear them.

If we have focused too much on making the season perfect,
remind us that you love us, despite our imperfections.

Help us find rest in your perfect love.

(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)

O God, awaken us to the good news of Christmas.

May the Holy Child of Bethlehem, the Word Become Flesh,
our Savior and King, dwell in us as we humbly pray,
and reveal in us the wonders of your love. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

(tune: 121, "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Each one of us belongs to the body of Christ.

We are called to live together in peace.

Let the welcoming, healing message of Christ fill our lives.

With thankful hearts, we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Alleluia!

***Sung Response**

Tune: 2276

Glory to God in the highest!

Sing glory to God!

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth!

***The Passing of Christ's Peace**

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you...and also with you.

You may turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.

Special Music

Child of Peace
McDee – Soprano

By: Jeffrey Van

Proclaim God's Word

Sermon

A New Thing

Rev. John Cheek

*Hymn of Affirmation #136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Respond to God

A Thank You Moment

Elizabeth Houle

Invitation to Offering

Out of the abundance of God's steadfast love,
God continues to bless the world with abundance.
We share our gifts today out of that abundance
in the hope that this church will be a blessing to the world.
Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

The Offertory John Reid – Bassoon, Carol Reid – Violin, Chris Tackett - Piano

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit ever more.
Praise God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God of Christmas and every day,
may the joy of giving that has filled our hearts this week
move us to share our offerings with love and devotion to you.
May the gifts we give be used in every way
to bring your compassion and grace to those who suffer
and those who live on the margins.
We pray this in the holy name of Christ,
our Savior and Redeemer! Amen.

Give Thanks to God

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

You are invited to speak your prayer requests first on behalf of the wider world; then for those close to you, and for yourself.

The People's Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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

***Hymn #135**

There's a Star in the East

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** John Reid – Bassoon, Carol Reid – Violin, Chris Tackett - Piano

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



**Church
Office Hours**

Monday – Friday
8:15am – 1:15 pm