

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



An Open and Affirming Congregation

December 26, 2021

11:00 AM



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“My Father’s House” (Jamison)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
RECEIVING THE LIGHT**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophecy is now fulfilled;
heaven is now come to earth!

People: Jesus the Christ is born!

Leader: The old order is past; the new order is come!

People: Jesus the Christ is born!

Leader: Let us celebrate with great joy the birthing
of Emmanuel!

CAROL

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *Glory to God 143*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Incarnating God, we are amazed that you still choose to be among us on this earth, for we know our human condition, our sinfulness. Busy with many duties, ills, and pleasures in our lives, it is sadly our tendency to consider the regular gathering in community as optional, to devalue the importance of meeting together for worship, for remembering the holy story, for communal experience of your saving grace.

We fail to be the living body of our Lord, which is our opportunity and responsibility as church. But as the quickening of your Holy Spirit reveals truth to us, we are drawn by your love to our confession. We confess our need for a new righteousness. Though we may do our utmost to abide by your commandments, we do not measure up to the high standard they require. We confess how much we need purification, how much we need the ministrations of Jesus, and a new birthing of his life among us. Forgive the sins of your church we pray, and give us a new, receptive and obedient spirit.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

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 2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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 ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

CAROL

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” *Glory to God 132*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

CHRISTMAS CREED

please rise

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel, which began in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a small village, of who's coming the shepherds saw the sign, and for whom there was no room at the inn.

I believe in the one whose life changed the course of history, for whom the kings of the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud.

I believe in the one to whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the leprous gave welcome, and accept as Lord and Saviour.

I believe in the one who with love changed the heart of the proud and with his life showed that it is more important to serve than to be served and that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.

I believe in peace, which is not the absence of war, but justice among all people and nations, and love among all.

I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the gospel.

I believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can change if with humility and faith we kneel before the manger.

I believe that I must be the first one to do so.

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.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all things new, in the birth of Christ Jesus you broke into the sin and darkness of this world with new light and righteousness for the souls of humankind. We offer these gifts to you with our prayer that new life and love, peace and joy may become the lived reality for all people of earth. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Glory to God 136*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Grow in God’s Favor” (Ploughman)

December/January Birthdays

12/26/2021-1/01/2022

*Juliana Satterwhite (26); Jozaline Kline (28);
Lori Logan (29); Mike Thierfelder (30)*



*The Reformed Church
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**Poinsettias, Greens and
Wreath Dedications 2021***

**The Poinsettias are given to the glory of God,
in memory of:**

Arlene Kurylo, by Pat Angelucci

Doris Kulp, by Pat Angelucci

Donald Backes, by Jan Backes

Betty Eisenberger, by Kent Eisenberger

Keith Eisenberger, by Kent Eisenberger

Betty & Gerald Fryer, by Bob & Nancy Fryer

Mary J. Fletcher, by Bob & Nancy Fryer

Dorothy & Carl Lucas, by Bob & Nancy Fryer

In loving memory of our mothers, Jacquelyn Montague,

Rosalie Copeland, Greta Keaton, Mariah Norman, Rebecca Ricks,

by Willie Graham & Barbara Montague-Graham

My parents, Jean & Harry Grimley, by Joan Hagerman

My parents, George & Alma M Klehamer, by George Klehamer

Arlene, Joseph, & Robert Kurylo, by Linda Kurylo

Peter Lambon, by Mary Lambon

My mother, Roseanne Barr, by Dennis Leigh

My sister, Elizabeth Capparella, by Dennis Leigh

Rev. Irvin R. & Mrs. Evelyn Lindemuth, by Irv & Hedy Lindemuth

Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Lindemuth, by Irv & Hedy Lindemuth

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hartenstine, by Irv & Hedy Lindemuth

Our parents, John A. Houck, Anita & Alfred Dorn, & Werner Lorenz,

by Molly & Bryen Lorenz

Our son, Jonathan, and grandmother, Lena Updegrove,

by Molly & Bryen Lorenz

Michael & Mary Pontecorvo, by Michele Luke

John Gilner, by Michele Luke

Diane Ullman, by the Pontecorvo Family

Our grandparents, by Pastor Dwayne & Cindy Mosier

Jerry & EmmaJean Mosier, by Pastor Dwayne & Cindy Mosier

Lillian Evans, Craig Follweiler, James Tanis, Doris Kulp, and Henry Sellers, by Pastor Dwayne & Cindy Mosier
Kelly Wagner, by Lydia Mosier
In loving memory of my beloved wife, Dorothy Nealman, by Ralph Nealman

In loving memory of my mother, Dorothy Nealman, by Pamela Nealman

Art & Betty Augustine, by Judy & Rich Parker

Dick & Barbara Parker, by Judy & Rich Parker

My mother, Margareta Alb & my aunt, Melania Coman, by Stela Suto

My husband, Dick Trow & my parents, Doris & Ernie Galbreath, by Kitty Trow

Our parents Allen & Virginia Slavin, by Robin & Rick Weed

Our parents Allen & Doris Weed, by Robin & Rick Weed

Alan H. Reider, by Sue Wendt

Henry A. Sellers, by Sue Wendt

The Poinsettias are given to the glory of God, in honor of:

Pastor Dwayne Mosier, by Pat Angelucci

Rev. Judith Meier, by Pat Angelucci

Lydia Mosier & family, by Mary Lambon

Beth & David, by Mary Lambon

Our children, Kevin, Francesca, Becky, John, & Luke, and grandchildren, Ayva & Nick, by Molly & Bryen Lorenz

Molly Lorenz, Ayva Cannon, Nick Centone, by Bryen Lorenz

My parents, Barbara Montague-Graham & Willie Graham, by Jakki McLeod

Phoebe Brinker, by Callie Mosier

David Akers, with many thanks for his help in my ESL class, by Stela Suto

The donations of Greens and Wreaths, are given to the glory of God, in memory of:

My husband, Armond Angelucci, by Pat Angelucci

Arlene, Joseph, & Robert Kurylo, by Linda Kurylo

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Manser, by Mary Lambon

My mother, Roseanne Barr, by Dennis Leigh

My sister, Elizabeth Capparella, by Dennis Leigh

The donations of Greens and Wreaths, are given to the glory of God, in honor of:

My daughters Hollie & Angeline and their families, by Pat Angelucci



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Ministers | All the people of the Congregation |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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