

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**January 3, 2016**

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor  
Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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**PRELUDE**

*“What Child Is This?”*

L. Cornwall, Piano

**CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*“Be Not Afraid”*

Chancel Choir

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**The Lord who created you says, “Do not be afraid – I will save you.  
I have called you by name – you are mine.  
When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you;  
Your troubles will not overwhelm you.  
When you pass through fire, you will not be burned;  
The hard trials that come will not hurt you.  
For I am the Lord your God who saves you.”**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #170**

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

**\*SALUTATION**

**PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

(unison)

Almighty God, the New Year stretches before us in all of its possibilities and in all of its unknowns. We pray for your constant presence as we live through this year. We ask for your forgiveness when we fail you; and we ask for the power of your Spirit, that our failures may be few. We thank you, Lord, for being with us during 2015, and we thank you for your promised presence and help in 2016. May this be a year when your glory is manifested in us and through us. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS**

**#171**

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

**#154**

*“Silent Night!”*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACON**

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Chris Forte, Contralto

*"There's Just Something About That Name"*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CAROL #160**

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

**SCRIPTURE**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (p. 478 OT)

Revelation 21:1-4 (p. 204 NT)

**MEDITATION**

**"Seasons of Life"**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

Luke 2:10-12

**Meaning of the Sacrament**

**Hymn #148**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

**Communion**

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.

Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

**Communion Anthem**

*"Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"*

**Communion Thanksgiving**

**Unison Reading #25** (Page 495)

**CLOSING HYMN #369**

*"How Firm a Foundation"* (first tune)

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*"Be Not Afraid"* - Reprise

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

Today's Usher: Pete Nickel

Usher for January 10: Mike Shafer

### CONSISTORY

At our Annual Congregational Meeting you elected Chris Forte and Jennifer Legg to be elders for the next 3 years, and Dave Pynaker to be a Deacon. They are being installed this morning.

### FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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