

Record of Orders of Service for the Month of
December 2016

(recorded progressively after each Sunday)

The Larger Catechism

Question 35: How is the covenant of grace administered under the New Testament?

Answer: *Under the New Testament when Christ the substance was revealed, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the word, and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. In these, grace and salvation are held forth in more fullness, clarity and spiritual power to all nations.*

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CHRIST THE MEDIATOR

The Lord Jesus Christ Appointed: WCF 8:1

It pleased God in His eternal plan to appoint the Lord Jesus His only Son to be the Mediator between God and Man –

- the Prophet, Priest and King
- the Head and Saviour of His Church
- the heir of everything, and
- Judge of the world.

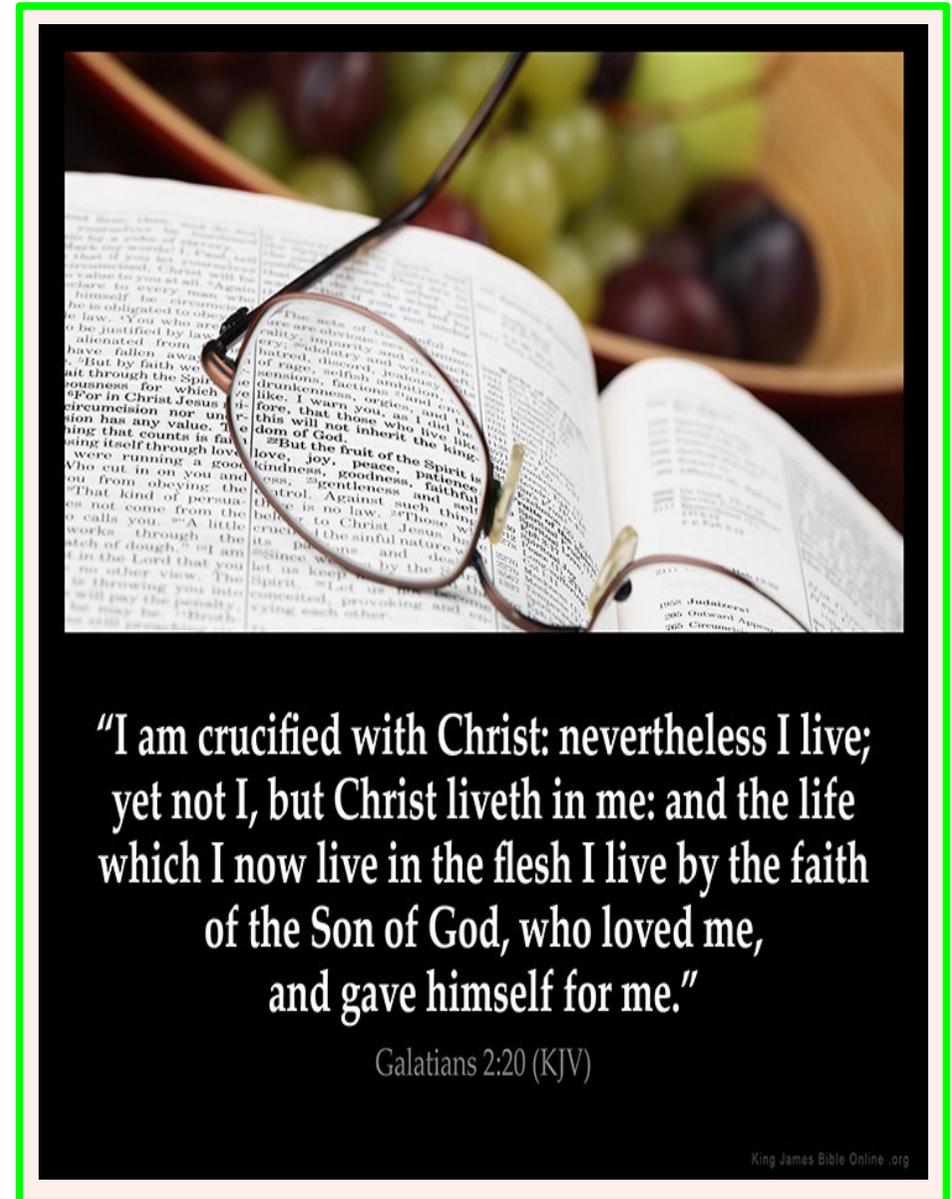
He gave a people to Him from all eternity to become His family, and to be liberated, called, put in the right, made holy and glorified by Him in time.

[Isa 42:1, 1 Pet 1:19-20, John 3:16, 1 Tim 2:5, Acts 3:22, Heb 5:5-6, Psalms 2:6, Luke 1:33, Eph 5:23, Heb 1:2, Acts 17:31, John 17:6, Psalms 22:30, Isa 53:10, 1 Tim 2:6, Isa 55:4-5. 1 Cor 1:30]

Order of Worship
for

BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 4th December AD 2016 .



Welcome & Notices:

A moment of reflection before the start of the Service:

We have come into His house

We have come into His house,
and gathered in His Name to worship Him. (repeat)

So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him. (repeat)

We have come into His house,
and gathered in His Name to worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him Christ the Lord.

The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 46:8-11)

Come and see the works of the LORD,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration :

A Hymn of praise

Be Still and Know That I Am God
REJOICE! 329 – sung twice (Psalm 46:10)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Psalm 46:1 - 11 (ESV)**

NT Readings: **Galatians 2:1-10 (ESV)**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Galatians 2:1-10. A Consultation

Hymn: **And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love**
REJOICE! 357 (Galatians 2:20)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

(The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up)

REJOICE! 518 (Psalm 116:12-19)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **My Song Is Love Unknown**

REJOICE! 528 – verses 1 – 4 (Galatians 2:20)

Sending:

Blessing:

Musical Reflection:

A New Commandment

REJOICE! 315

(John 13:34,35)

Now unto Him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power
both now and forever. Amen.

The Larger Catechism

Question 36: Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

Answer: *The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father. When the time had fully come He became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures and one person, for ever.*

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CHRIST THE MEDIATOR

Christ's Two Forms of Being: WCF 8:2

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one being and equal with the Father, when the fullness of time had come, took to Himself a human form of being, with all its essential properties and common weaknesses, yet without sin.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary from her being. So that two complete, perfect and separate forms of being, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in a single Person, without being changed, combined, or confused.

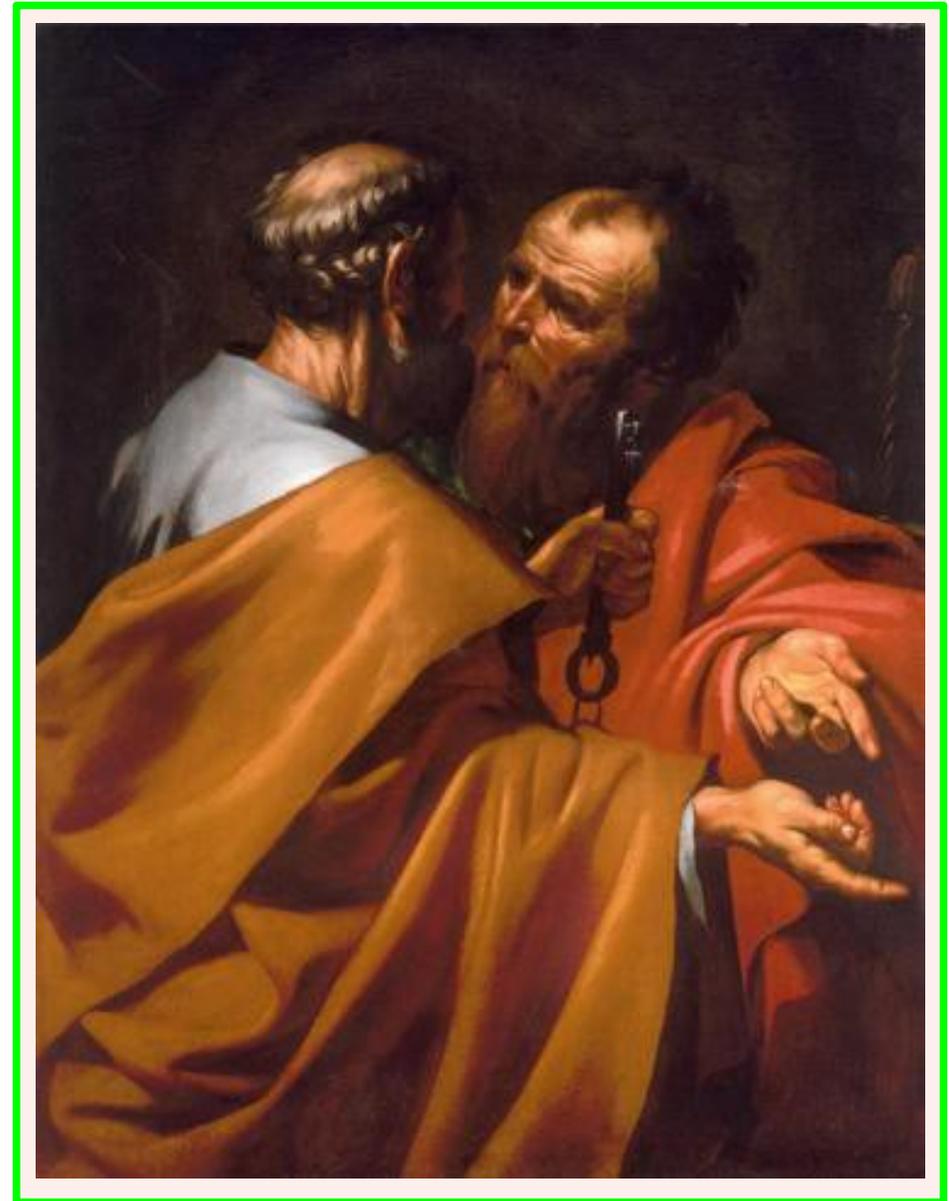
This Person is truly God and truly man, yet a single Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

[John 1:1,14, 1 John 5:20, Phil 2:6, Gal 4:4, Heb 2:14, 16-17; 4:15, Luke 1:27, 31, 35, Col 2:9, Rom 9:5, 1 Pet 3:18, 1 Tim 3:16, Rom 1:3-4, 1 Tim 2:5]

Order of Worship
for

BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 11th December AD 2016 .



The Larger Catechism

Question 38: Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God?

Answer: *It was necessary that the Mediator should be God so that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God and the power of death; give value and effectiveness to His sufferings, obedience and intercession; and satisfy God's justice, obtain His favour, purchase a people for His very own, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.*

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CHRIST THE MEDIATOR

The Lord Jesus Christ Equipped: WCF 8:3

The Lord Jesus Christ, in this way joined in His human form of being to the divine, was consecrated and anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond measure.

He had in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In Him it pleased the Father that all fullness should reside, so that, being consecrated, innocent, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be completely equipped to carry out the role of Mediator and Trustee.

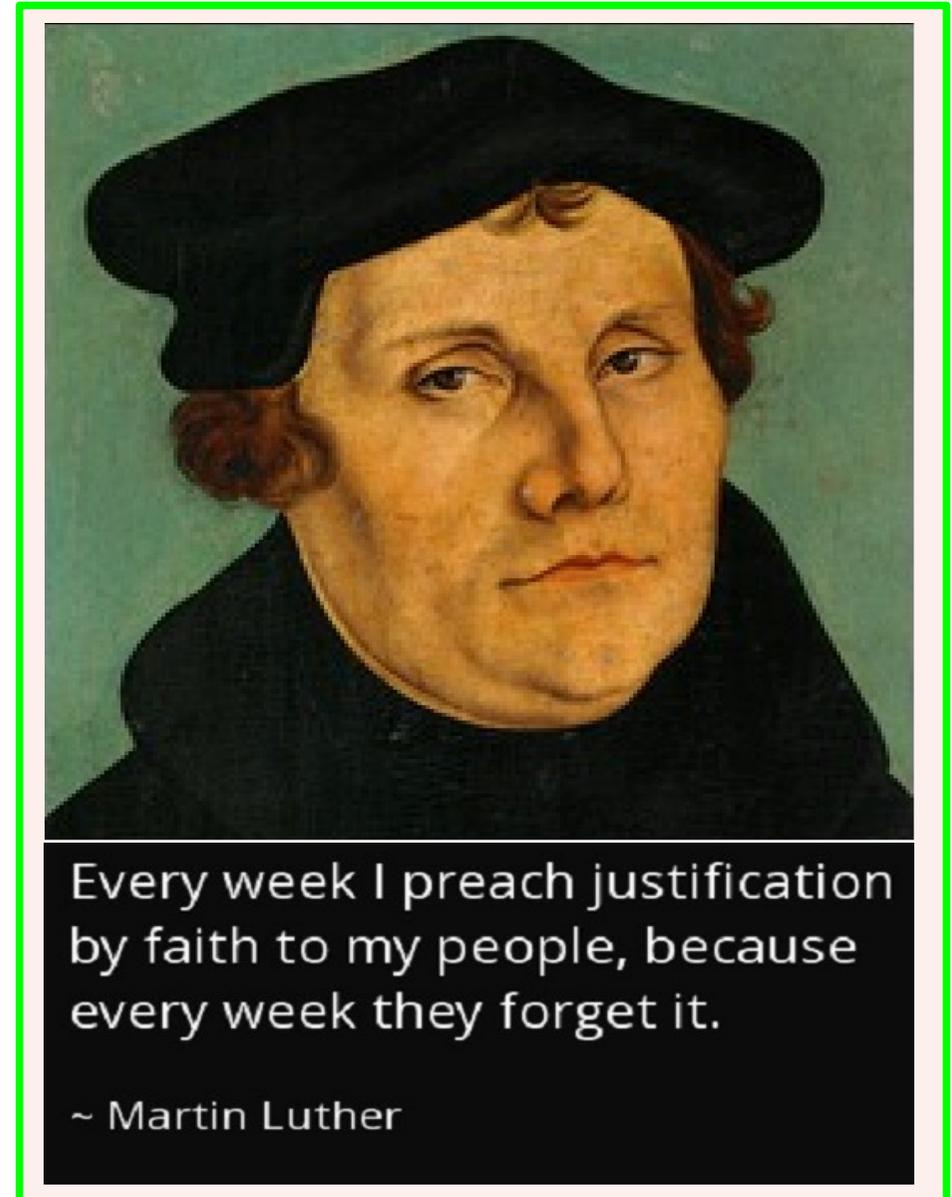
He did not take this role to Himself but was called to it by His Father, who placed all power and judgement in His hand, and gave Him instruction to carry it out.

[Psa 45:7, John 3:34, Col 2:3; 1:19, Heb 7:26, John 1:14, Acts 10:38, Heb,12:24; 7:22; 5:4-5, John 5:22, 27, Matt 28:18, Acts 2:36]

Order of Worship
for

BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 18th December AD 2016 .



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A moment of reflection before the start of the Service:

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worship Him Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him Christ the Lord.

The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 143:1-2)

¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

² **Enter not into judgement with your servant,**
for no one living is righteous before you.

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration :

A Hymn of praise **When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies**
REJOICE! 490 (Psalm 143:8-11)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Psalm 143:3-12** (ESV)

NT Readings: **Galatians 2:15-21** (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Galatians 2:15-21 A Summary of the True Gospel (a)

Hymn: **Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness**
REJOICE! 423 (Romans 3:24)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

(The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up)

REJOICE! 518 (Psalm 116:12-19)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **A Man Once Came From Galilee**
REJOICE! 199 (Matthew 4:23)

Sending:

Blessing:

Musical Reflection:

A New Commandment

REJOICE! 315

(John 13:34,35)

Now unto Him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power
both now and forever. Amen.

The Larger Catechism

Question 37: How did Christ, the Son of God, become man?

Answer: *Christ the Son of God became man by taking to Himself a body and soul like ours, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.*

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GOOD WORKS

The Works of People Not Reborn: WCF 16:7

Although the form of works performed by people not reborn may be things that God commands, and of value to themselves and others, yet because –

- they do not proceed from a heart purified by faith
- nor are performed in the right way, according to the Word
- nor a right purpose, the glory of God

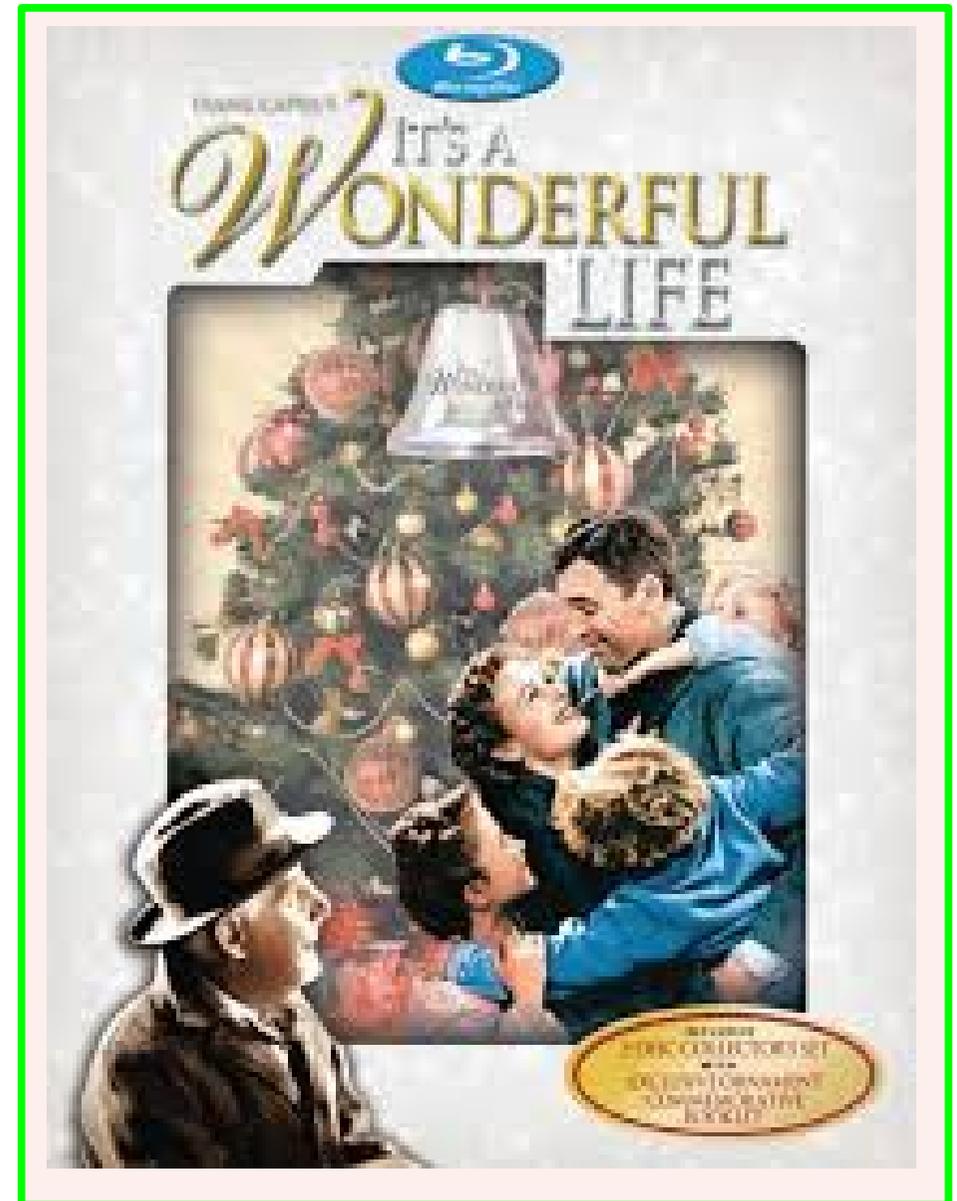
they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, or make a person ready to receive grace from God. And yet their neglecting them is more sinful, and displeasing to God.

[2 Kings 10:30-31, 1 Kings 21:27, 29, Phil 1:15-16, 18, Gen 4:5 & Heb 11:4, 6, 1 Cor 13:3, Isa 1:12, Matt 6:2, 5, 16, Hag 2:14, Tit 1:15, Amos 5:21-22, Hos 1:4, Rom 9:16, Tit 3:5, Psa 14:4; 36:3, Job 21:14-15, Matt 25:41-43, 45; 23:23]

Order of Worship
for

BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 25th December AD 2016 .



Welcome & Notices:

A moment of reflection before the start of the Service:

Joy to the World – REJOICE! 163 (Psalm 98:6)

The Service of Worship to God

Approaching God

a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Isaiah 42:1-4,8,9)

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

b) Prayers of Adoration :

A Hymn of praise **Come, O Long-expected Jesus**
REJOICE! 166 (Luke 2:25)

c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession: (Based on Luke 1)

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out to Mary ... fruit of Mary's womb,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Gracious and loving God, forgive us if we have allowed seasonal weariness to obscure the blessings and allowed Christmas festivities to crowd out the wonder of Christ's birth.

And Mary said, " ...God my Saviour"

Forgive us if we magnify the prospect of summer holidays and activities more than we praise you, O God.

May the birth of Christ ... for rejoicing this Christmas.

Forgive us if our rejoicing excludes those who at this time feel rejected... unwanted... lonely...

And Mary said, "The Mighty One ... and holy is his name."

Forgive us if our words and deeds offend the holiness of your name, O God.

Forgive us if our

Mary spoke of God lifting up the poor ... their positions of power.

Forgive us when we fail to bring love and mercy to birth in people's lives because of our pride and our arrogance.

Forgive our lack of commitment ... the weakness or ignorance of others.

Mary spoke of the hungry ... rich being sent away empty.

Forgive us if our affluence blinds us to the plight of those people, young and old, in this country and in countries round about, who lack food and the basic necessities of life.

May our rejoicing over Christ's birth lead to our being generous to others, as God has been generous to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: ... in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Job 19:23-27 (ESV)**

NT Readings: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: It's a Wonderful Life?

Hymn: **Tell Out, My Soul**
REJOICE! 168 (Luke 1:46-55)

Responding to the Word from God

a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

The Lord's Prayer

b) The Offering:

Invitation:

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REJOICE! 518 (Psalm 116:12-19)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love**
REJOICE! 390 (1John 3:1)

Sending:

Blessing:

Musical Reflection:

A New Commandment

REJOICE! 315

(John 13:34,35)

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