

VAN BUREN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
10:30 AM

HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 page 635
THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-14 page 58
A WORD FOR US: "Where Is Our God?" Rev. Ralph Middleton

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Birthdays)

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

All: Praise the Lord, all angels; praise God, all the host!

One: Praise God, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

All: Praise God, you highest heavens; praise the Lord!

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women. Old and young together,

All: praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #31 Blue

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emmanuel, God with us, in the frenzy of holidays we rush about blindly, forgetting that in Christ we have seen our salvation, which you give freely to all. Forgive us for so quickly losing sight, and restore our vision, that we may truly see the gift of salvation born among us, and tell the world of your good news. Amen. (Silence is observed for personal confession.)

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Unison)

One: ...Friends: hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (#560 Brown)

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: Since Christ has opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another, and God will be glorified. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR THANKS AND CONCERNS
OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Offertory

*The Doxology

Praise God from whom Christ Jesus came.

Praise God and spread abroad God's name.

With joy and hope the great news tell,

And celebrate this glad Noel! Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN "We Three Kings" (stanzas 1,2,5) #66 Blue

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE: "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

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*THE POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able