

## Service for the Lord's Day

December 30, 2018 11:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day



Photo of stained glass "**Young Jesus In The Temple**"  
from Trinity United Methodist Church, Ventnor City, NJ

**New to Hunter?** Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys and concerns, feel free to join in. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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Prelude "Oh, Worship the King" arr. David Cherwien

\*Call to Worship (from Colossians 3:12-16)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven us, so we also must forgive.**

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Indeed, we were called in the one body.**

Be thankful

**Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly!**

\*Hymn 4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, forgive our weary dreaming that gives up on the hope of seeing justice roll down like waters, a peaceable kingdom, and truth to set us free. Lord God, forgive our tired singing that sets no rafters ringing: with peace on earth, goodwill to all, with the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and with joy to the world. Give us grace, O God, that these days of our lives be filled with vision and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(moment for silent reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (sing twice) ARGENTINE SANTO

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Gathering Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN  
(hymn 119, verse 1)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Sharing with Young Disciples

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## HEARING THE WORD

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Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (O.T., p. 246)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 148

**Refrain**

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

Reading from the Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

(N.T., p. 59)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"A Child shall lead them?"

J. T. Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Warrenton)"

arr. Anna Laura Page

\*Hymn 605 "Praise to God the Father"

DA N'ASE

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

\*Hymn 378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

MERLE'S TUNE

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn 564 "Amen"

AMEN

Postlude "They'll Know We Are Christians"

arr. Wilbur Held

Depart in Peace

\*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations. In life, may we present ourselves to you, and help present you to the world. Amen.

**This Week at Hunter**

<b>12/31 Monday</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>1/1 Tuesday</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>1/2 Wednesday</b>	<b>Choir Practice 7:00p.m.</b>
<b>1/6 Sunday</b>	<b>Early Worship 8:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m.</b>

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*Sunday Announcements*

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A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

**Prayers for:** The family of Lisa Fowler (Barry Stumbo's sister), Marsha Mick, Irma Almgren, Hank Almgren, Jim Almgren, Jolene DeLong, Ericka Rich, Wilton Cherry, the McGuire family, Jackie Smith, Evelyn Evans, Patricia Laughlin, Becky Ginter, Jennifer Wheeling, Bob White, Doris Palmer, Pauline Tabb, Midge Rishel, Ruth Beattie's parents, Ann Johnson (friend of Bob White & Annie Rhoten).

**At last we celebrate the hoped-for birth** of the Christ Child. The shepherds have come in awe to greet the child. The candles in the windows signify that the Light of the World has arrived.

**The church office will be closed** on December 31 and January 1 in observance of the new year.

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