

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

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*I Know  
the Plans  
I have for you*

**DECLARES THE LORD**



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Ps. 111:1-4, 7-9*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #114:1-3,5**

**“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

### CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**  **A - - - men.**

## INTROIT

*Jer. 31:15-17; Hos. 11:1*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

**P** When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

**C** Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.

**P** Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

**C** Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears

**P** for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,

**C** and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

**P** There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country. Glory be to the Father.

## GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for “Glory be to the Father”*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Jer. 29:11*

Alleluia. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE


Latin for "O Lord"

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C**  All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**  A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 63:7-14** I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.<sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior.<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.<sup>10</sup> But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.<sup>11</sup> Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit,<sup>12</sup> who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name,<sup>13</sup> who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not

stumble. <sup>14</sup> Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**EPISTLE READING – Galatians 4:4-7** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.*

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**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN: TLH #121** (*Tune: TLH #51*)

**"For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace"**

**SERMON – Matthew 2:13-23** Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel

weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." <sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

## **God's Post-Christmas "Flight Plan"**


I. Prepared in Advance

II. Executed under His Guidance

III. Centered on our Salvation

### **OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*


**C**  **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #120:1-3,5 "Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter"**

### **- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**C**  **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### **PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C**  **Amen, amen, a – men.**

**CLOSING HYMN: See Bulletin "Another Year of Grace..."**

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**Financial Update** Spending has surpassed offerings and tuition in 2018, and the congregation is running a **deficit** for the current year. There have been some large, unexpected expenses this past year, including new A/C and A/C repairs at both the parsonage and school.

Additionally, if you are able to help, we are looking for donations to the **Benevolence Fund** to help needy families in times of emergency. Please consider these needs as we close out 2018 and begin the new year. Thank you!

**Thank you!** The called workers and their families would like to thank the congregation and everyone who gave the generous gift this Christmas season. We are truly blessed by your support. We thank the Lord for such a gracious gift and wonderful congregation to serve. Thanks again.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Joe Jackson**, the father-in-law of Robin Jackson, is recovering in the hospital from a severe stroke. **Sharon Brown** was hospitalized this week with pneumonia; she is now recovering at home. **Rudy Enriquez** is going through very difficult times, we ask you to keep both Rudy and Sherry in your prayers.

**Last Week (12/23) WH** – 35 **Orlando** – 18

**(12/24)** – 82 **(12/25)** – 34

General = \$1,512 | CLC Missions = \$30 | Building Fund = \$20

Benevolence = \$50

**Total Offering = \$1,612**

**January Usher:** Paul Seger | **Acolyte (1/6):** Mason G.

| **Cleaner (1/5):** Rodebaugh

### **Looking Ahead...**

✝ **Dec. 30:** Elders and Trustees

✝ **Jan. 6:** Communion and Fellowship Snack

✝ **Jan. 6:** Board of Ed; Ladies

✝ **Jan. 13:** Orlando Service 8 am

✝ **Jan. 13:** Church Council

# Another Year of Grace, My Friends

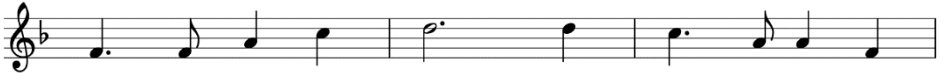
(Should All God's Blessings Be Forgot)

Chad M. Seybt, 2016

Traditional Scottish



1. Should all God's bless - ings be for - got And  
The LORD, I AM, my Shep - herd is My  
2. He leads me to life - giv - ing streams To  
Though there be some dark days a - head They



nev - er brought to mind? Should we for - get what  
needs He sat - is - fies. He gives to me my  
drink with - out a price; He leads me in His  
can - not hide my God, For He is with me



grace He's shown Each day to all man - kind?  
dai - ly bread And all I need for life.  
right - eous-ness, The right - eous-ness of Christ.  
as He said With Shep - herd's staff and rod.



An - oth - er year of grace, my friends, has come and now is gone. An -



oth - er year of grace be - gins; For - give - ness in God's Son.

3. The Lamb of God my Shepherd is, His life He lived for mine.  
His blood was spilled; His body killed To be our sacrifice.  
The living LORD my Shepherd is. Though He was crucified,  
His body rose in three days time And now stands glorified. *Refrain*

4. Surely His mercy and His grace Shall follow all life long.  
And I will dwell within His house to praise Him with this song:  
All glory be to You, O Christ, Who came to set me free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever One, Through all eternity. *Refrain*