

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Light of the world, you who bear the dawn to us: we recall today how terrible is the darkness you were born to overcome. We confess to you our fear of death and destruction, the violence we allow, and the suffering we inflict upon others. We confess to you our ingrained prejudices, our failures to be merciful, and tragedies too often of our making. We confess to you how desperately we need you. By your presence, Lord, save us. By your steadfast love, light our way. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

C: AMEN!

***GLORIA PATRI (Page 579 in Hymnal)**

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

C: AMEN

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 63: 7 – 9

(Pew Bible OT Page 693)

HEBREWS 2: 10 – 18

(Pew Bible NT Page 214 & 215)

L: This the Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Matthew 2: 13 – 23

(Pew Bible NT Page 3)

L: This the Gospel of the Lord

C: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!

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ANTHEM “Sheep Fast Asleep” Japanese Hymn

SERMON “FINDING HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR”

***HYMN** 37 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

***CONFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed page 15 in the Hymnal)**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We know one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Vignette” Ton Burchwood

***DOXOLOGY (Page 592 in Hymnal)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

THE SENDING

***HYMN** 40 “Joy to the World”

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(Tune to “Edelweiss”)

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;
Grant us peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor;
Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever;
May the Lord, Gracious Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

POSTLUDE

“Joyous Morning”

Gerauld Peterson

LAY READER: William Quinn

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

An Invitation to All Women!

Presbyterian Women have begun the 2007 – 2008 Bible Study. This year’s study is entitled, “Above and Beyond” We meet the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Soley Lounge, right here at Bacon Church. Please join us for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. All women are welcome!

CHANCEL FLOWER TRIBUTES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

If you are interested in taking a Sunday for a memorial or just because.... please call me today at 930-6251 or my work number 285-3403 extension 2231.

Thank you, Nancy Stoianoff

THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST is on the bulletin board. The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will be praying for each and every person on our Prayer List.

THE SUNSHINE CORNER encourages all to sign the get-well cards we send each week to friends who need our support. Cards are under the picture of Christ in the narthex.

Note from your Secretary:

Please submit any information you would like in our bulletin no later than the Wednesday before you would like it in the Sunday bulletin. This allows ample time for me to contact you if there should be any questions.

If possible please do this via my email or by a written note.



secretary@baconmemorial.org

Thank you for your cooperation, Sandy



WHITE CHRISTMAS

A big “thank you” to all who donated “White Gifts” for the Salvation Army. Many children will enjoy your generosity this Christmas.

CHURCH HOURS

The Office is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday thru Friday. If you need to contact Rev. Peck he may be contacted at 743-1438.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH Opportunities at Bacon

Today, Dec 30	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15	Elders & Members Prayer : Soley Lounge
	10:30	Worship Service & Sunday School
	7:30	Alcoholics Anonymous
Mon, Dec 31		New Years Eve
Tues, Jan 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED
Wed, Jan 2	10:00	Prayer Group & Bible Study
	5:30	Girl Scout Troop #13
Thurs, Jan 3	6:00	Brownie Troop #41 and Girl Scout Troop #98
Fri, Jan 4	7:00	No Youth Group