

**Morning Worship—December 31, 2017**

**1st Sunday after Christmas Day**

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. \*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

**PRELUDE** “Prelude on a French Christmas Carol” arr. Rick Parks

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: **Lord**, we wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

**People: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

Leader: We are warmed by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation:

**People: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

Leader: We watch the moon light up the night, we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

**People: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 50** “Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*We admit that we always find the time to fill our stomachs, God of every moment, but not our souls. We spend hours watching television, but not the wonders of Your creation. We arrange outings with our friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk. We make resolutions to change every aspect of our lives, except for that which pertains to You. Forgive us, God of Glory, and make us new. In the moments to come this year, remind us that if there is a time for everything, then we do have those moments for grace, for hope, for joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This year is gone. Our words, our thoughts, our deeds are in the past. Today, we begin anew.

Today, and every day, God offers us life and hope.

**People: Here, now forever—we are forgiven and healed. This year, let us live as such people.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” arr. Jan Sanborn

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Kent Shelton

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** “Joy to the World” arr. Hal Hopson

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Will this year be a time of new life, new ways for us—or will we continue to live the same old way? Let us confess to our God our failures, as well as our hopes, as we begin this year.**

**LESSON** (851/894) Hebrews 10:19-25

**SERMON** “Being There” Rev. Allen Thompson

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14)

**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.**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 600** “Song of Mary”

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE 464, stanza 3** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**POSTLUDE** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” arr. Rick Deasley

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Alice Bradshaw, (Becky Meadema’s Mother), Mary Bray, Kathy Cropp, Marilyn East, Stacy Falden (Estella Falden’s granddaughter), Mrs. H. Harris (Kathleen Harris’ Mother), Maurice Katoen, Tim Kernodle, Nancy Poindexter, Richard Ramey, Tom West, Samantha Williams

**ON THE MEND**— Dianne East, Nultie Wiseman

Sign up today for our Wednesday Family Dinner, Jan. 3rd at 6 p.m. It will be Game night ! Price is \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free. We will have chili, cornbread, salad, delicious cake for dessert.

Admin. Committee will meet this morning at 9:00 in room 108.

PW Coordinating Council will meet Monday Jan. 8th at 10 a.m. Then Day Circle will meet for Bible Study at 12:30 p.m. in room 108.

Monday January 8th Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Brenna Takata, 5008 Cobblestone Dr., Danville.



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**SERVING TODAY**

Nursery/Sunday School	Brenna Takata
Children’s Sunday School	Music
Elders at Front Door	B. Newnam
Friendship Period	Jarrold Brown
Deacon to Receive Offering	ML Crane
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Marissa Meadors
Time for Young Disciples	Kent Shelton
Sound System	Dick Stoakley
Ushers	Youth
Flower Ministry	Elders
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Jan. 6	M.Bell/
Saturday Lunch Attendance Dec. 30	N/A

The 2nd floor apartment is available for rent. Recently remodeled & painted, this apartment has 2 bedrooms (possible 3rd), 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room. Rent will be \$800/with \$800 security deposit. If you know anyone interested, please call Dick Stoakley 792-7822 ext. 5

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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE  
HIM KNOWN**

*December 31, 2017*

*Celebrating 191 Years of  
Ministering in Danville  
December 31, 1826-2017*

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, January 1**

Office Closed

**TUESDAY, January 2**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
No Deacon Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**

6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper  
6:00 p.m. Youth

**THURSDAY, January 4**

No Chancel Choir Practice

**FRIDAY, January 5**

All Day Church Office Closed  
6:00 p.m. Officer’s Retreat

**SATURDAY, January 6**

8:30 a.m. Officer’s Retreat  
10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Youth Bonfire

**SUNDAY, January 7**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:  
Mid & High School, Rm 112  
Outlook Class, Rm 322  
Bible Fellowship, Library  
Seekers, Rm 109  
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS