## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of calm and content, we offer our humble gifts and the service of our lives in the hope that they will be pleasing to you. We pray that, with your blessing, they will produce a harvest of peace, healing, and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE PASTORAL PRAYER

#### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- \*HYMN #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE "Fah Who Foraze ("Welcome Christmas")"

Worship and Fellowship Assistants		
	Today	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Greeters	Glenn & Resielyn Ewell	Kelly, Jackson & Jonathan Hinett
Ushers	Sharon & Harry Pittman	Anne & Bob Wallace
Liturgist	Molly Howlett	Cindy Anderson
Fellowship	Carol Clarke (Pageant Sunday)	OPC CHRISTMAS PARTY
SS Teacher	PAGEANT	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Cantata)
Nursery	Anne Wallace	Bonnie Howlett
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR		Bonnie Bush
CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST		Ellen Bristol
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR Do		Donna Metherell

# **Writing of Joys and Concerns**

There is a <u>prayer request card</u> in the pew. Please write down your prayer or praise request for us. (Please print legibly). Please put the prayer card into the offering plate during the offering so the pastor will include your joys and concerns in Prayers of the People.

# Trustee of the Month — December Jim Frieday — 260-0175

One trustee is assigned per month to take care of any building issues that may arise. Please call the designated Trustee if you have something that needs to be addressed. Thank You!



#### Welcome to Ogden Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 9, 2018 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

CAMBRIDGE CHIMES
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING EACH OTHER
Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE "Excerpts from 'The Nutcracker Suite"

~Tchaikovsky

Lighting of the Candles

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Friends, we live in a busy world, leading hectic lives, with frantic people around us.
- P: Sometimes it is too much for our hearts, minds, and souls to bear.
- L: The Christmas season sometimes feels no different.
- P: As a matter of fact, sometimes it feels worse!
- L: What would make the season better, calmer, richer?
- P: We need peace; we need someone to help us, to calm us, to center us.
- L: Let us remember today that Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."
- P: We desire the peace of Jesus, which passes all understanding.
- L: May Christ's Peace cover, compose, and calm us this hour.
- P: Come, Peace of Christ; fill us deeply as we stand here, awaiting your presence.

#### \*LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

- L: Last week we lit the candle of Hope.
- P: That Hope strengthens our hearts and carries us ahead.
- L: As we walk toward Christmas and meeting our Savior,
- P: We long for what God has promised God's people:
- L: By God's tender mercy,
- P: The dawn from on high will break upon us!
- L: That dawn is Jesus, God Incarnate, God in our midst.
- P: With deep love for us, God guides us into the way of Peace.
- L: We light the candle of Peace to remind us of our world's great need.
- P: We are indeed a people of Peace. Let us receive and carry God's Peace.

\*HYMN #13 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

# \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. The times in which we live can feel confusing and fearful. We are in a season that should bring hope and peace, yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses. As we get overwhelmed with busyness, we shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done enough, given enough. You answer our fears with your voice: "Peace, be still". Slow us down. Help us to hear you. Encourage us to take time to listen rather than shout; to stop and rest rather than run. Forgive us when we walk in the darkness. Help us see your light.

(silence is observed for reflection and prayer)

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Jesus said, "I bring you peace, not the kind of peace the world offers you. Be at peace. Know God's love is given to you."

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:68-79 p. 832 Luke 3:1-6 p. 834

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT** "Puzzle Presents"

Narrator: Those who have walked in great darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of darkness — on them light has shined.

# P: [singing of "Hallelujah"]

Narrator: Look, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son. And they shall call Him Emmanuel, God with us.

# P: [singing of "Hallelujah"]

Narrator: See, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord.

P: [singing of "Hallelujah"]

## "WELCOME CHRISTMAS" (from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas")

**Solo:** Fah who foraze, dah who doraze! Welcome Christmas, come this way! Fah who foraze, dah who doraze! Welcome Christmas, Christmas Day.

Narrators: Welcome, welcome, fah who ramus! Welcome, welcome, dah who damus!

Welcome Christmas, while we stand, heart to heart and hand in hand!

# **Congregation and Youth:**

Fah who foraze, dah who doraze! Welcome Christmas, bring your cheer!

Fah who foraze, dah who doraze! Welcome all from far and near.

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You're the one I want to be with, You're the reason that I came. You will find me near you always, I'll be whispering your name.

~Love, Jesus

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\*HYMN #3 "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION
OFFERTORY "What Child is This?"

~Beltnke

\*DOXOLOGY #542 v.4

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