

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
January 15, 2017  
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Lift up your eyes and look around;

**Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall rejoice!**

\*HYMN "As With Gladness Men Of Old" 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with  
your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister

\*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN "O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem" 308

SECOND READING John 1:29-42

SERMON "Lift Up Your Eyes!" Rev. Janell Blair

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

**We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\* HYMN "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" 411

POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand*

**Welcome:** To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Announcements:** \*Following worship today we will undecorate the sanctuary. Please stay for a few moments to help us put away our Chrismons and other decorations. Thank you!

\*Following worship on Sunday, January 22 we will have our annual congregational meeting. We will enjoy a pizza lunch together afterwards. Pizza will be provided; bring a side dish or dessert (or help with set up or clean up!)

2017 Flower and Cookie lists on volunteer counter.

**Birthdays:** January 14 – Rose Lusk, 18 – Phyllis Harmony.

**Anniversaries:** No anniversaries this week.

**Flowers:** No Flowers were purchased this week.

**Refreshments:** \_\_\_\_\_, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

**Newsletter:** *Deadline to submit articles and information for February newsletter is **December 21, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.*

**Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492**

**Pianist: Marilyn Pearce**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor      Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing  
10: 10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule      **Session** – Session/Budget meeting –  
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship      February 19, 2017.

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