

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and infavor with the Lord and with the people

~ I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

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THIS WEEK

December 30 Brad White
December 30 Peter Pike
December 31 Lauri Piiparinen
December 31 Peter Van Eenenaam
December 31 Sarah Fluno Thomas
January 2 Ralph Green
January 3 Eric Green
January 5 John Jeffries



Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, and for the sick and those who need God’s comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office, 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC
Ring, Christmas Bells
A Carol Medley

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Ukrainian Carol, arr. Fedak
arr. Robert Hughes

GREETING
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE
Tidings of Comfort and Joy Traditional English Carol
This carol dates from the early 1400s and is in the minor mode typical of the late Middle Ages. Also known as *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*, the final verse is a blessing on all centuries:
*Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
and with love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.*

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 148
Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
People: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN #794
Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be true. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

***RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700**

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say,
I am strong in the strength of the Lord!*

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (Old Testament, page 246 in pew Bibles)

SOLO

‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime Huron Carol; arr. Simon/Willan/Ehret
Nancy Boynton, soloist; Carl Bingle, organ

CHILDREN’S TIME

(Sunday School will not meet today or next Sunday, but will resume January 6.)
Children will return to their seats as we sing *Jesus Loves Me.*)

SECOND READING

Luke 2:41-52 (New Testament, page 59 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“Searching In All the Wrong Places”
Rev. Casey Carbone

***HYMN #279**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W ZLOBIE LEZY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

A Christmas Voluntary William Billings (1744-1800)
One of America’s earliest native-born composers, Billings was active as a singing teacher and composer his whole adult life.
Carl Bingle, organ

***DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

*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 THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***HYMN #764**

The Trees of the Field THE TREES OF THE FIELD

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry trad. Carol, arr. Noël Goemanne (1926-2010)
Born and educated in the Belgium, Goemanne was once arrested during the Nazi occupation for playing music by Felix Mendelssohn, a Jewish composer, in public. His wartime experiences turned him into a committed pacifist. He emigrated to the US in 1952, where he made a name for himself as an organist, as a choirmaster and as a composer. He was organist at Christ the King Church, Dallas, from 1972 until his death.
Carl Bingle, organ