

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *Blessing and Peace*” by Paul Taylor.

page 151 - **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

HYMN 842 - *we sing, standing*

page 152 - **KYRIE**

page 154 - **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 84 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 156 - **ALLELUIA** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

*Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!***

*After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

HYMN 519 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page all standing*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY

The Parish Choir sings (10:30) “Be Thou My Vision” by Wagner.

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*During the Distribution we sing **HYMNS 783 and 643***

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His forgiveness and makes us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 165 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 166 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 722 - *we sing, standing*

NEWS AND NOTES

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 89 Offering: \$10,606

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study

- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir

- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

Fri - 11:30 AM - Nuechterlein Visitation

- 1:00 PM - Nuechterlein Funeral

Sat - 6:00 PM - Daddy Daughter Dance

Please Join Us after the 8 AM service for fellowship and coffee. Thank you to the Clark’s for serving this morning!

We are hosting our first **Daddy Daughter Dance** next Saturday, February 8th from 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8 per couple and \$3 for each additional daughter. This event is open to members and friends of members. Please invite your friends and family members to share in this event. We are looking for people to help set-up as well as to chaperone and clean up. Sign ups are available on the bulletin board.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord’s service. *“As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD”* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin’s womb. The true offering wasn’t the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *“destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery”* (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *“in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people”* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and *“depart in peace”* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

POSTLUDE - *“The Light from on High”*
by David Paxton,

Heavenly Herald newsletters are on the narthex and hallway tables. Please help yourself to a copy to keep current on what’s going on here at CLC.

GAME DAY: Saturday February 15th, please join us at 2:00 for games for all ages including giant Jenga, board games, a televised basketball game and snacks. See Pam Clark for more information and the bulletin board to sign up.

Souper Bowl of Caring - Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God’s love by loving their neighbors through **SOUPER BOWLING OF CARING**. It’s a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop your soup donations in the totes located under the counter near the library entrance or place a monetary donation in the red box labeled Souper Bowl located on the counter by February 9th. CLC donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.