Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2015

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

The Shepherds left their flocks and came to see Jesus and worship; They returned to their flocks glorifying and praising God. When the wise men came into the house where Jesus was, They knelt down and paid him homage;

They returned to their own country and told others about Jesus. As we come to be with Jesus this morning, may we worship him; And then help us, Lord, to return to our homes and our lives And praise you and share what we have seen and heard.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #163

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

*SALUTATION

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

(unison)

Almighty God, the New Year stretches before us in all of its possibilities and in all of its unknowns. We pray for your constant presence as we live through this year. We ask for your forgiveness when we fail you; and we ask for the power of your Spirit, that our failures may be few. We thank you, Lord, for being with us during 2014, and we thank you for your promised presence and help in 2015. May this be a year when your glory is manifested in us and through us. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS

#171 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
#154 "Silent Night!"

SCRIPTURE Joshua 1:1-11 (p. 150 OT)

MEDITATION "God Is with You"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER AND DEACON

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Three Kings"

Bob Dey, Bass

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CAROL #160 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE I Kings 19:4-8 (p. 254 OT)

MEDITATION "Bread for the Journey"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer of Confession

Meaning of the Sacrament

Hymn #148 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Communion

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.

Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

Communion Anthems

"Taste and See" "We Remember You"

Communion Thanksgiving Unison Reading #25 (p. 495)

*CLOSING HYMN #176 "We Three Kings"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Three Fold Amen"

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Carole Angrilla

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: In the Narthex undecorating the Chrismon Tree,

enjoying leftover Christmas goodies

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (January 11):

Greeter: Marion Legg

Ushers: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

CONSISTORY INSTALLATION

The congregation has elected Jeff DeWitt to serve as Elder and Mike Shafer to serve as a Deacon on the Consistory. They are being installed this morning.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Lucky 32 on Tryon Road in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

FOOD PANTRY

The following items are in severe shortage at the food pantry at the present time: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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