Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at "Coffee Hour" in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

(✧ *Latecomers may be seated.)*

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AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 27, 2015 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *Pastoral Air with Variations* **Franz X. A. Murschhauser**
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red "friendship pads" found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT *"Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light"* **Johann Schop**
arr. J. S. Bach
The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP
This is the temple of the Lord.
We have come to seek God's blessing.
This is the house of the Holy One.
We have come to praise God's name.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #31 (Hymnal)* *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*
God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace. You clothe us with your love, but we do not love one another. You wrap us in your mercy, but we do not forgive one another. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to follow your way, and help us to grow each day in wisdom and favor with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*
HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *"Gloria Patri"*
THE PEACE* ✧

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✦

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Mary Speer Pew Bible pg. 638
ANTHEM	*"O hearken ye"*	**Alfred Burt** The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	John 1: 1-14	Pew Bible pgs. 91-92
SERMON	"Home for Christmas"	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #25 (Hymnal)* *"Away in a Manger"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)
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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	*Noel en Musette*	**Louis Claude D'Aquin** Organ
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*	*"Doxology"*	
Prayer of Dedication*		

HYMN #38 (Hymnal)* *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

RESPONSE* *Choral Amen*
The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* *Duo sur la Trompette* **Jean-François Dandrieu**
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**