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# LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 31, 2017

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Todd Peterson  
Pastor

Corey Nieman  
CYF Minister

Ministers  
All People

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*Please sign the registry of attendance and pass it along to the person next to you, and then to the row behind you.  
For the courtesy of those around you, please set your electronic device to silent.*

*\* Indicates stand as you are able.*

## Pre-Service Music

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude-Kindling of the Christ Candle

*As we light the candles, let us take a moment to focus our hearts and minds for worship.*

## \* Call to Worship

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

Many: **God is there.**

One: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

Many: **God is there.**

One: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

Many: **God is there.**

One: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

Many: **God is there.**

One: This very morning,

Many: **God is here.**

One: In the future we cannot see,

Many: **God is there.**

All: *Let us worship God!*

## Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

#132

## Prayer For Our Community *(unison)*

Loving God, as we gather here today, we thank You for giving us sight and vision beyond our years, we thank You for energizing us with the joy of a child, and we thank You for the wisdom to live out Your Realm. Help us to see people as You see them and open us to the hopes and dreams You have for all creation. Amen.

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*Large-print bulletins and hearing-assistance tools are available. Please see an usher for assistance. Nursery is offered for children through Kindergarten. Sunday School is offered for children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and begins after the Passing of the Peace.*

## \* Sharing God's Peace

*Please share God's peace by greeting one another with a smile, a handshake, a hug, a wave ... whatever is most comfortable for you.*

## Call to Prayer

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

*What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? Sing twice*

*To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God. Sing twice*

## Prayers of the People

*We begin by sharing our joys and concerns. Each sharing is lifted up with:*

One: We lift them up in prayer.

All: **Lord, hold them in Your love**

## 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.**

## Special Music

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” soloist Chris Ennis

## Hearing the Good News

Luke 2:22-40 *(NRSV)*

## Sharing the Good News

## Hymn of Rejoicing

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

154

## Offertory

## \* Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow;*

#780

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, you heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we pray that You will take these gifts and offerings and bless them with Your vision—a vision of people fed, a vision of people safe, a vision of people made whole. Amen.

## \* Hymn of Sending Forth

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#436, vs. 1 & 5

\* **Commission and Benediction**

\* **Closing Response** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#82, vs. 2

\* **Postlude**

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**Worship Volunteers:**

Greeter: **Jane Allemang**; Worship Leader: **Corey Nieman**

Prayers of the People: **Katie Madden**;

Scripture Reader: **Rosemary Ennis**; Nursery: **Faith Colwell**

WELCOME VISITORS

**"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"**

We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means. It means that at Lakeview United Church of Christ you don't have to be sure about your understanding of God to worship here. It means that in this community of faith you are welcome to share your gifts and your needs---no matter what they are. It means that no matter your race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, ability, or *whatever it is that makes you you, our welcome to you is extravagant!*

If you have found yourself excluded and alienated, spiritually homeless or questioning, you are welcome here. If you have ever felt there is no room for you within Christianity or the Church, you are welcome here. We are a community of faith that celebrates diversity and strives to fulfill our mission to: Reach out through God's spirit by Involving, Serving and Learning Together. *We hope you will return and even consider joining this band of fellow travelers. Let's journey together!*



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