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MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

December 30, 2018

*You are invited to use Scripture for reflection
or the following prayer as you prepare your hearts for worship.*

"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." Colossians 3:13

PRELUDE "The First Noel" *Richie Bernhardt, Organ*

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT "Away in a Manger" *Peter Laing, Piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

* HYMN No. 22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect He was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE **Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Joy to the World"
Maggie, William & Anderson Rea, Instrumentalists

*DOXOLOGY

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

ANTHEM

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Augie & Becca Bernhardt, Instrumentalists

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:41-52
(page 959 in the pew Bible)

SERMON

"Unexpected Treasure"

Rev. Jason Rea

*HYMN No. 28

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

Tom Birchwood

Special thanks to our liturgist: Chuck Schramm

The Elder of the Week is Tori Panza