

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **HYMN #249**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Let us praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!**

✦ **HYMN #271**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus our Lord came into an indifferent world,
yet his life revealed the inner thoughts of many.

**Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we may
receive release from our sin.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[unison]

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children.

We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred.

We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice.

**We have not been a light to the nations,
and our lives have not revealed your glory.**

Forgive us, Merciful God.

Repair the ugliness of our sin

and restore in us your beautiful grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[continue in silence, personal confession]

HYMN #240

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✦ **HYMN #292**

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

HYMN #267

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

EPISTLE READING Galatians 4:4-7

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **HYMN #277**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [Traditional]

HYMN #281

“What Child is This?”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ **DOXOLOGY**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ **HYMN #258**

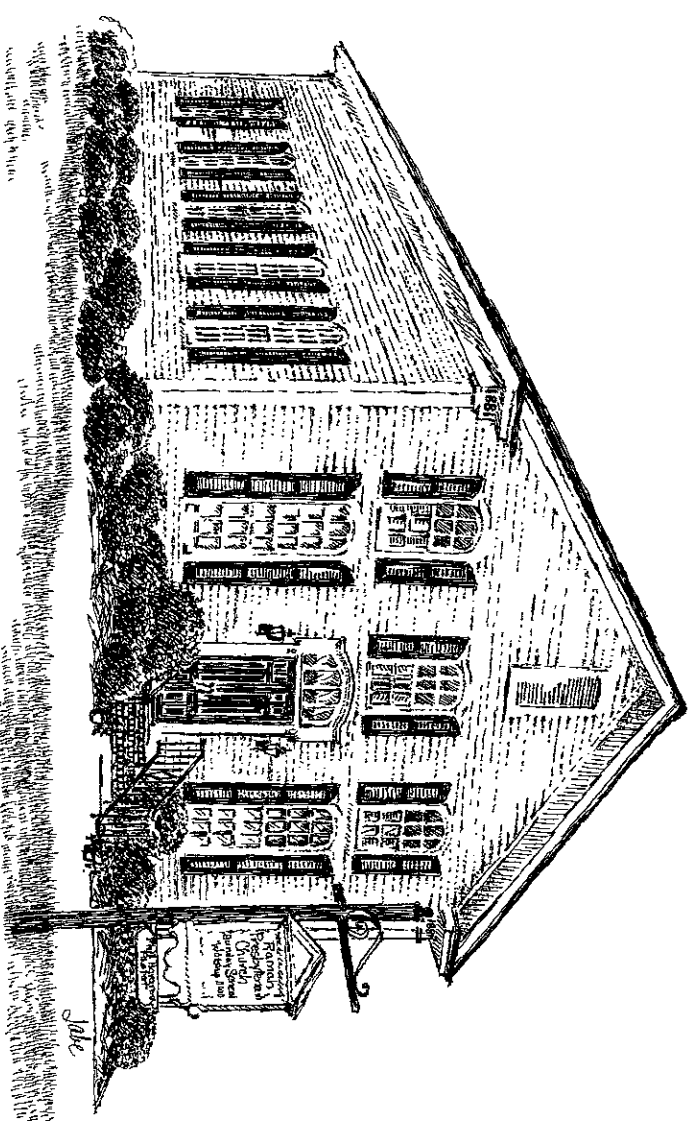
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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Sunday, December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Worship Leadership:

The Reverend Brian Copeland

The Director of Music: Tim Ward

Lay Leader: Lee Brown

Nursery: Jo Brown & Ann McCarthy

Children's Church: Jeff & Sally Watson

Greeter: Marcia Knight

Acolyte: Lacey Mayhew