

*New Year's Eve
Candlelight Communion Service*

**December 31, 2018
6:00 PM**

The Prelude:

Psalm 103: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Robert Hobby, Robert Buckley Farlee

Reflection on "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz

The Chiming of the Hour

Praise the Lord, O My Soul

The Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1 (pg. 938)

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:1,2
"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"

*The Greeting and Response: **Amen.**

Forget Not All His Benefits

The Psalm: Psalm 103:2-5

The Roll Call of Newborns

The Hymn of Praise: Lift Up Your Hearts 688
"How Vast the Benefits Divine"

He Does Not Treat Us as Our Sins Deserve

The Reading: Psalm 103:8-12

The Prayer

The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 624
"Not What My Hands Have Done"

As For Us, Our Days Are Like Grass

The Reading: Psalm 103:13-16

The Roll Call of the Saints Departed

*The Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 489
"By the Sea of Crystal"

From Everlasting to Everlasting, God's Love is With Us

The Reading: Psalm 103:17-18

The Meditation: **"FROM EVERLASTING TO
EVERLASTING"**

*The Hymn of Faith: Lift Up Your Hearts 809:1,4,5
"Remembering with Love and Hope"

The Order of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you
created heaven and earth, made us in your image,
and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us
the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you that Jesus gave himself to us as the
bread of life,

**the living bread from heaven through which we are given
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.**

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor
and glory and praise!**

The Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that
this bread and cup may be for us the body and
blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all
your saints be united with Christ and remain
faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord,
into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of
Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

**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 Communion

*When directed by a server, please come forward if you are
able. To participate in communion by intinction, take the
bread, then dip the bread in the cup. Servers will say, "The
body of Christ broken for you" and "The blood of Christ shed
for you". You may respond to each with "Thanks be to God,"
"Amen,"s or your short personal reply of gratitude. Gluten-
free and regular bread are both available at the station on the
far left/east. If you are unable to come forward, a server will
come to you in your pew. Non-communicant children are
welcome to come forward for a blessing from either pastor.
While communion is served, the congregation will sing the
following hymns:*

"God of Our Life"

- 1. God of our life, through all the circling years we
trust in thee; in all the past, through all our hopes
and fears, thy hand we see. With each new day,
when morning lifts the veil, we own thy mercies,
Lord, which never fail.**
- 2. God of our past, our times are in thy hand; with
us abide. Lead us by faith to hope's true promised
land; be thou our guide. With thee to bless, the
darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision
changes into sight.**
- 3. God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee; when we are strong, Lord, leave us
not alone; our refuge be. Be thou for us in life our
daily bread, our heart's true home when all our
years have sped.**

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"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to
come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our
eternal home.**
- 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have
dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our
defense is sure.**
- 3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its
frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless
years the same.**

4. **A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
5. **Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**
6. **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!** LUYH 405

“Abide with Me”

1. **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
2. **Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day; earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away. Change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.**
3. **I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**
4. **I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**
5. **Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven’s morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.** LUYH 466

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

1. **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. He has done great things, he has done great things; he has done great things: bless his holy name.** LUYH 516

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The Lord Has Established His Throne in Heaven

The Offertory:

“Two Settings on *Genevan Psalm 103*”

Jaap Drag

The Thank-offering

(The Thank-offering is for the Benevolence Fund.)

The Reading: Psalm 103:19-22

*The Closing Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 672:3-5

“O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God”

*The People’s Response: **Amen.**

*The Organ Amen

*The Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*The Postlude: “Trumpet Tune”

Jeremiah Clarke

Rev. Ruth Boven – minister

Rev. Peter Jonker – liturgist

Norma deWaal Malefyt – organist

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