

*New Year's Eve
Candlelight Communion Service*

**Saturday, December 31, 2022
6:00 PM**

Prelude:

“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”
“There Is No Shadow...”

Robert J. Powell
Brenda Portman

Chiming of the Hour

*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 145:3-7

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another,
and will tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and will meditate on all your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works,
and will proclaim your greatness.

They celebrate your abundant goodness,
and will joyfully sing of your righteousness.

*Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 604

“To God Be the Glory”

*Greeting

*People's Response: **Amen.**

*Hymn of Adoration: Lift Up Your Hearts 540:1-3

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Welcome

Time of Remembering:

Sung Response based on Psalm 84:8, 11-12:

Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty, listen to us.

Hear our prayer, our strong protector, in you we trust.

Deaths in 2022

Prayer and Sung Response

Births in 2022

Prayer and Sung Response

Professions of Faith and Table Fellowship in 2022

Prayer and Sung Response

Scripture: Psalm 77 (p. 913)

Sermon: **“THAT'S WORTH REMEMBERING”**

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*Hymn of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 859

“Be Thou My Vision”

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 in your great love,
out of nothing, you created heaven and earth and everything
in them. You 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 thank you, Jesus, for “re-membering” us at this table—
forgiving our sins, renewing our hearts, feeding our faith, and
giving us abundant life now and forever.

**We thank you for giving us food that endures to eternal
life.**

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

All Sing:

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

Words of Institution (*spoken by the minister*)

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.**

Communion

(see insert for songs to be sung during communion)

*Response of Praise

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.

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

*Song of Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 605

“Worthy is Christ”

(sing verses 1 & 2 in English)

*Dedication of Our Lives:

People of God, do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God sent to redeem the world, do you love and trust him as the One who saves you from your sin, and do you embrace him as Lord of your life?

We do.

Do you dedicate your life to God at the beginning of this new year, seeking to develop a closer walk with him and to live a life of love, obedience, and service as our Lord calls us to do?

We do.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May he turn his face towards you and give you his peace, both now and in the year that lies ahead.

Amen.

*Parting Hymn: “Another Year is Dawning”

**1 Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,
in working or in waiting, another year with thee;
another year of leaning upon thy loving breast,
another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.**

**2 Another year of service, of witness for thy love;
another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be
on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.**

*Silent Prayer and Carillon Bells

*Postlude:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Benjamin M. Culli

(Offering plates are located at the Sanctuary exits.)

Chad Boorsma – minister
Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgist
Norma de Waal Malefyt – organist

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