

The Church at Worship

Sunday, December 31, 2017

The Westminster Chimes and the Striking of the Hour

The Welcome Dr. Thomas Hinton

The Invocation Dr. Hinton

The Prelude

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Today feels new, like the beginning of something fresh. Why have we gathered today?

People: To anticipate a New Year by worshipping God who gives us life and life abundant.

Leader: We came to affirm God’s love.

People: God sent us His love in the form of a baby whose birth we have just celebrated.

Leader: So we gather to worship the God who comes to us in Christ.

People: And to celebrate the new beginnings and freshness each day can bring through Christ.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise to the God of love who calls us to Him this morning to begin again.

People: Let us begin again with praise.

*The Hymn of Praise 7 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY
(The Children come forward for the Children’s Sermon)

The Children’s Sermon Becca Lawing

*The Old Testament Lesson Haggai 1:3-8 (page 1468)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Ministry of Prayer

*The Offertory Hymn 117 “As With Gladness Men of Old” DIX

*The Offertory Prayer Courtney Wright, Deacon

The Offertory Music

*The Doxology OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (page 1799)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Ministry of Music “A Christmas Blessing” Purifoy

The Sermon “It’s Just Another New Year’s Eve” Dr. Hinton

*The Hymn of Invitation 406 “The Solid Rock” SOLID ROCK

*The Benediction

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*The Congregation Singing “Bless Be the Tie”

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*The Postlude

Pianist: Kim Hinton

(*Congregation Standing)

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To Our Guests:

Thank you for strengthening us with your presence this morning. It is our deep desire that you experience true worship with us. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate so that we may connect with you this week.

If you would like to become a member of this congregation, you are invited to share your decision during the singing of the Hymn of Invitation. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive baptism. If you would like to join by a statement of your faith, our church will honor your previous baptism and confirmation from any other Christian community. Everyone is invited to use this time to reflect upon their relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Handbells	5:00 p.m.
Youth Program	
Snack Supper	6:00 p.m.
Study and Activities	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Family Night Dinner	5:00-6:00 p.m.
(Reservations - 758-8428)	
Children's Mission Activities	6:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study/Youth Activities	6:15 p.m.
Children's Choirs	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir	7:10 p.m.

Our services are aired on Cable Channel 191 on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and are live streamed on fbclenoir.com.

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As a Great Commission
Church, our mission
is to *make, care for,*
equip, and send
disciples.

Rev. Josh Hughes
Senior Minister

Dr. Thomas Hinton
Minister of Music & Youth

Rebecca Lawing
Children's Minister

Rev. Fred Barnes
Pastor Emeritus