

*“Love came down at Christmas; Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Stars and angels gave the sign.”*

— Christina Rossetti

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Joe Martin, Guest Speaker

Tom Romspert (8:00) & Ron Cookson (9:30), Worship Assistants

December 26, 2010

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

*Opening Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” 220

Welcome & Life of the Church *(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle.)*

Greeting One Another

(Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Shout to the Lord Your praises!

People: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

Leader: For God’s might and power are established in the universe!

People: God’s transforming love beckons us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

People: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

*The Opening Prayer [unison]

God of hope and light, Your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus’ birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of Your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

***Children (K-5 Gr.) are dismissed for Junior Church.*

The Scripture Lesson Luke 16:19-31 (p. 741 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“The Rich Man and Lazarus”** Joe Martin, CSM

*Special Music “Do You Hear What I Hear” Joe Martin

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas” 242

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

Compassionate God, Your mercy and unfailing love are as constant as the rising sun. You offer us salvation and swaddle us in Your Holy Word. You sent us the example of living and giving by sharing Your son, Jesus Christ, and by asking us to follow His ways. We are now ready to follow those ways. We place upon Your table the fruits of our labors as an outward sign of our commitment to Your bounteous grace. We pray in the name of the one born in a stable, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “There’s a Song in the Air” 249

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God’s Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Parents and Grandparents, by Erika, Peter & Jeremiah Paton; and also In Loving Memory of Son & Brother, Doug Rowlands, on His Birthday, by Ginny Rowlands and Family.

The Pink Roses on the Altar are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of Our Loving Husband and Precious Daddy, Doug Rowlands, by Biz & Sara Rowlands.

Morning Greeters this morning are John & Toni Krimmel at 8:00; and Maralyn Wayles & Madge Laughlin at the 9:30 service.

Ushers this morning at the 8:00 service are Bob Slotterback, George Jenca and Tom Romspert; and The Hansen Family at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning at the 9:30 service is Colin O'Neill.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

Children's Activities... The following activities are available during the 9:30 worship service. Infant up to nursery school age: Nursery care is available during the service in the Nursery in the main hallway, next to the Ladies Room; and Junior Church in Sunday School Room # 3 for Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed from the worship service before the sermon.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:30 a.m.

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