

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**

**Reflections**

“A service of public worship is not merely a gathering of God's children with each other, but before all else, a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people.” - BCO 47-2

Never say you will pray about a thing; pray about it. -Oswald Chambers

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**January 3**

Greeter - Matthew Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Laura Sterrett and Linda Mason

Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

**January 10**

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Aaron Brooks

Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 72:1, 8-11, 18-19

*Leader: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.*

**People:** Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Ye Servants of God

Number 165 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

The First Noel

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*\*Congregation standing*

## The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught  
And with His blood mankind hath bought  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;  
you call, but we do not follow;  
you command, but we do not obey,  
you bless us, but we do not thank you.  
Please forgive and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,  
but we still insist on our own;  
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,  
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;  
you suffered and died,  
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.  
Please forgive and help us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:5-6

In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

We Come, O Christ, to You

Number 181 in Trinity Hymnal

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*+Young children may be dismissed at this time.*

# Call to Commitment

## Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

John 1:10-18 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

### Prayer of Intercession

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**Sermon**

History of Redemption

Galatians 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**\*Hymn of Response**

There is a Redeemer

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# **Service of Communion**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Guidelines for Reception of Communion**

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, it is important that you carefully consider the claims of the gospel and the grace that is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to talk with an elder of the church and spend this time now in prayer and meditation on the scriptures in the bulletin.

## Scripture Verses for Those Not Communing

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

- Isaiah 53:4-6

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

- John 3:16-18

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- John 14:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:6-8, 22-23

**\*Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:6-11 (NIV)

I believe in Christ Jesus,  
Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death -  
even death on a cross!  
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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**\*Song of Benediction**

Gloria Patri

Number 734 in Trinity Hymnal

# Gloria Patri

**Text: 2nd century, traditional**  
**Music: Charles Meincke, 1844**

Piano

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with-out

end. A - - - men, a - - - men.

**\*Benediction**

**Announcements**

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# Announcements\*

**Thank you note:** The Wakefield family would like to thank the church family for the generous monetary gift at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and love are such an encouragement to us and our ministry in Nashua. Thank you so much, we are blessed to be apart of this Christian community.

## Weekly Schedule:

|           |            |                     |               |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Sunday    | 9:30 a.m.  | Prayer              | Sanctuary     |
|           | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service     | Sanctuary     |
| Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.  | Midweek Small Group | Claggett Home |
| Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.  | Midweek Small Group | Brooks Home   |

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## Budget Information:

Six Months Data June thru November 2009

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| Regular Giving   | \$34,664.10  |
| <i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)</i> |              |
| Fund Raising   | \$5,710.00   |
| Total Giving (Income)  | \$40,374.10  |
| Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)                           | \$44,137.30  |
| Budget   | \$49,513.72  |
| Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)                      | (\$3,763.20) |
| Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)                        | (\$9,139.62) |

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