

**Celebration of Worship For the Lord's Day**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: If God is for us, who can be against us?

**P: Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

L: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #151: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord...** *(please continue to pray in silent, personal confession...)*

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: The truth of Advent is this: God is coming to us! We are not alone. In Christ, we are accepted. We are set free of the past. We are given to the future.

**P: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

\*GLORIA PATRI #622

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

OLD TESTAMENT READING (PAGE 552):

Psalm 100

SERMON *"God Loves You"*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #138: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*Response of Praise #624

*Doxology*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using "debts" and "debtors")*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #152: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*all who are able, please stand*

We **welcome** all who worship with us this morning and pray that the service is an inspiration to you.

**Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers.**

Pastor – Sheila Wadding  
Lay Leader – Cheryl Barnett  
Organist – Brenda Wadding  
Choir Director – Joyce Jamison

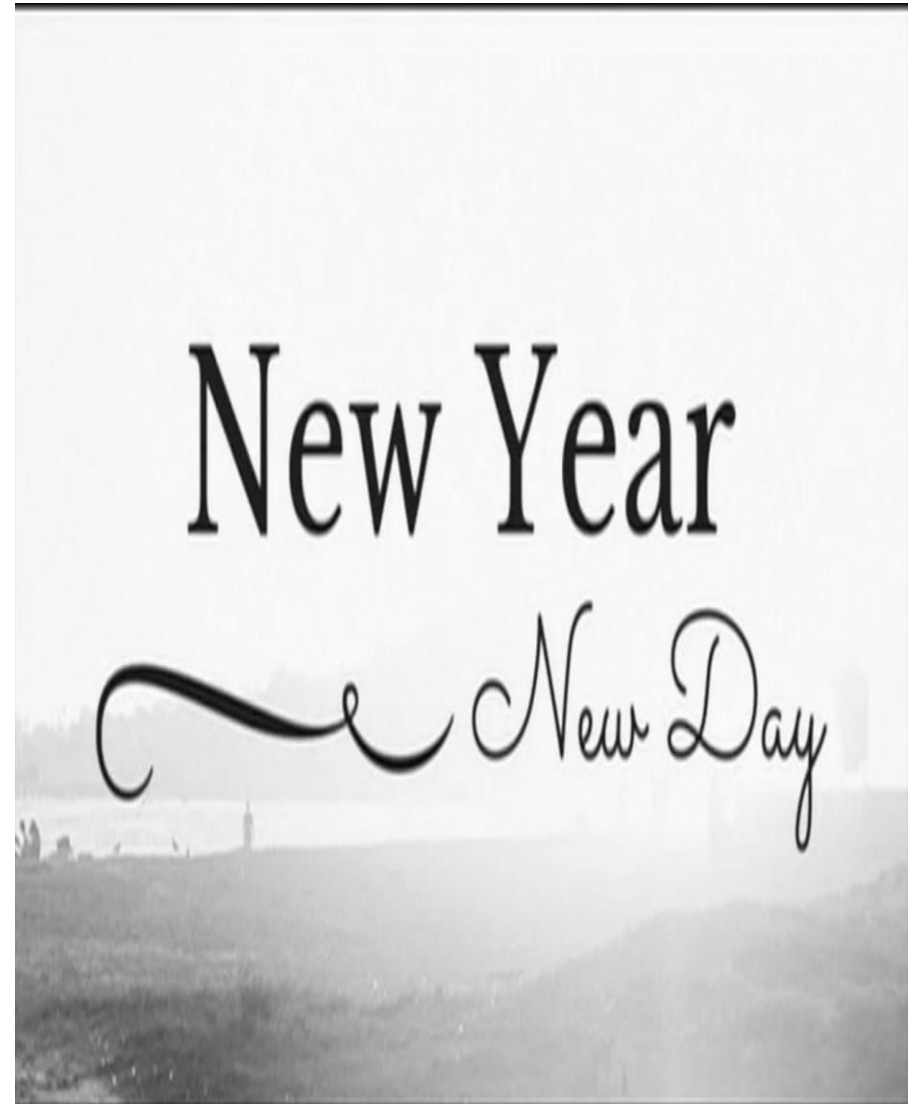
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## **December 31, 2017**

**NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS** Bonnie McMeans, Venton Shoemaker

**PRAYERS OF CONCERNS** Bonnie and Bob Horner, Bob Lockhart, Dona Crytzer, Jeff Wadding, Lois Harris, (Eric Eckman, Cameron Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr., Zackary Martin; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucubira

Ushers today are Linda Simpson, Sara Steele, Bill and Dee Buzzard. Acolyte is Jaedyn Calhoun.

There are St. Andrew's Village Membership Applications in the Narthex for 2018. The Friends of the Village works to raise funds to help with residence throughout the year. Please considering helping with this meaningful mission.

The 2018 offering envelopes are in the Narthex.

We will be collecting the Christmas Joy Offering today. Please use the envelope found in last week's bulletins or mark your regular envelope with "Joy Offering".

You may take your poinsettias home today. If you know of a shut in who would like a poinsettia, please see Cheryl about taking one for them.

Our next movie night, and of course this always depends on the weather, will be Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Our movie will be "All Saints" with John Corbett. Based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor, Michael Spurlock, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together they risked everything to plan seeds for a future that might just save them all. Faith united them, and together they saved their community.

Harmony Grove Lutheran Church in Creekside is having a "Movie Night" on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The movie is "Miracles from Heaven". A non-perishable food item is the cost of admission. Popcorn and lemonade will be offered.