

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN No. 244

“‘Twas In the Moon of Wintertime”

MEDITATION: “GIFTS”

Rev. Marva Jean Hutchens

COMMUNION:

Invitation to the Table, Hymnal page 15

SERVING OF COMMUNION:

*All are Welcome to the Lord's Table.  
The ushers will assist you as you come forward.*

\*HYMN No. 219

“What Child Is This”

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

- L: Go forth renewed and equipped for this new year. God gives us all a business to be busy with.
- P: God is mindful of us and cares about us. Whatever our circumstances, there is a witness we can make.**
- L: Measure the time and the conditions of each occasion. Seek the will of God for yourself and all you meet.
- P: For everything there is a season. In all times and places we will seek to serve Christ.**
- L: Reach out to the least of your sisters and brothers. As you help them, you honor the Christ.
- P: God crowns our lives with glory and honor. We will enjoy the gifts God entrusts to us. Amen.**

\*CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT, Hymn No. 246, vs. 1 & 3

“Joy to the World”

\*POSTLUDE:

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Ushers: Skip Drake, Dave Hutchins, Marie Duffy, Dave Strock, Jennifer Eck  
Greeter: Iris Nordby and Ellen Schoening

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Join us for coffee and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.  
Thank you to Mike & Peggy Stratmann and Nancy Grose for hosting today.

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

January 1, 2012

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDES

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: This is the time for worship and praise! This is a day for song and celebration!
- P: God calls us away from our toil. God invites us to examine our life and times.**
- L: God wills our happiness and enjoyment of life. God gives each of us important work to do.
- P: God wants our work to give us pleasure. Our witness to God's glory brings us pleasure.**
- L: Let us celebrate the past and anticipate the future. Let us rejoice that God is present with us now.
- P: There is a reason for every matter under heaven. This is a time to heal and build up.**

\*HYMN No. 250

“Once In Royal David's City”

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have gifted us with food and drink. You have been with us through times of laughter and days of weeping. You have confronted us in the midst of pain and confronted us in the needs of our neighbors. You have called us to responsibility for the well-being of this planet and welfare of all your people. Come among us once more to equip us for the tasks you set before us in this new year. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

Ethan Henrick Van Wagenen  
Parents: Joshua & Meghan Van Wagenen  
Maternal Grandparents: Gus & Darla Kirwin

Sing “God Claims You”

*Refrain:*  
*Ethan, Ethan, God claims you,*  
*God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.*

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.  
*Refrain*  
We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.  
*Refrain*  
We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.  
*Refrain*  
And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullabye.  
*Refrain*

SCRIPTURES

Galatians 4:4-7 page 238  
Matthew 2:1-12 page 4

ANTHEM:

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns