

Henderson United Methodist Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE
January 4, 2015 9:30 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG # 228 "He Is Born" (verse one & refrain)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

L: Arise ! Shine ! For your light has come.

P: AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON US.

L: Though darkness cover the earth and all its peoples,

P: YET GOD'S GLORY WILL ATTRACT ALL NATIONS TO OUR LIGHT.

*CAROL # 254 "We Three Kings"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Most gracious God, we sadly confess that we do not always live as people upon whom Your light has shone and to whom Your glory has been manifested. We know that sometimes we live and feel as though we were a people of darkness rather than of light. Forgive us, we pray, and let Your life-giving and sustaining light shine anew into the darkness of our souls in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.

"Carol of the Epiphany" # 2094 (The Faith We Sing) all 5 verses

CHILDREN'S CHAT

HYMN # 620 "One Bread, One Body"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) ~ Hymnal: page # 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 33: 12—17

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3: 12—17

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God !

SERMON "A Happy New Year" Pastor Ray

HYMN # 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION (Pastor)

CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, we confess that our search for the Christ is often less than diligent, that our seeking is frequently half-hearted, and that whenever we do come into His presence, we respond with less than our best gifts. Forgive us our short-sightedness, and our selfishness. Teach us to respond in generosity to One who brings us the gift of redemption, and who inaugurates a reign of righteousness. Amen.

PARDON (Hymnal) ~ page # 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Hymnal # 13) ~ Responsively

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY # 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Sentence prayers of praise and
petition by the congregation.)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION # 383

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL # 251 "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
(Refrain, verse one, & Refrain)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you leave the sanctuary, please extend signs of Friendship
and Peace. Pass the blessings of Christ to each other.

*indicates STANDING if you are able