

# Creekside Church of the Brethren

## The First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

The Christmas-New Year period is a time of joy as the Christian community celebrates life in all its variety. God's power-for-life is in the bright colorings everywhere in nature, and especially in the birth of Jesus. This is a time of gratitude for life, for newness, and especially for God's own child, who promises what is yet to be.

### Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor David

### Praising God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Myrtis Justiniano

One: Praise the Lord of the whole universe—the heavens, the sun, the moon and shining stars.

**All: Praise God for the earth and everything within it—every animal and bird, every fish and creature of the sea;**

One: every mountain and hill, every tree and plant, every ocean, river and stream, praise the Lord.

**All: Praise the Lord, every ruler and government, all people of every color.**

One: Praise the One whose glory the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest,

**All: and on earth peace, goodwill among all people."** (Psalm 148)

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 201 (Blue)

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karen Eis

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: We must bear with one another and forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven us. We must let his peace rule in our hearts and to be thankful. Gratitude is our response to the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN NO. 206 (Blue)

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

SHARING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, and a stranger into a friend. It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and hope for tomorrow.

--Melody Beattie

Offertory

*"Joy to the World"*

arr. Keith Snell

\*Prayer of Dedication

God of New Beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. As we place our offerings upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us to live this New Year with your peace ruling our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray.

\*Response no. 318 (Blue)

(The pre-schoolers are dismissed to the nursery.)

*"Joy to the World"*

### Hearing God's Word

HYMN NO. 210 (Blue)

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

**"What Are We Supposed To Do Now?"**

David Bibbee

\*HYMN

*"Here We Come A-Caroling"*

#### Verse 1

Here we come a-caroling, among our loved ones dear.  
Here we come a-wandering, to show them that we care.

#### Refrain

Love and joy come to you, and to you glad Christmas too,  
And God bless you and send you a Happy New Year,  
And God send you a Happy New Year.

#### Verse 2

God bless the Creekside family, wherever they may be,  
Those who wander, those at home, the saints who are with Thee.

#### Refrain

\*CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**Staff Office Hours Week:**

Cindy Harman: 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri.

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Pastor David: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tues. – Fri.

Bulletin and weekly news deadline: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday

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**Today: December 31, 2006**

<b>Preaching</b>	David Bibbee	<b>Children's Message</b>	Karen Eis
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Myrtis Justiniano	<b>Acolyte</b>	Darren Vance
<b>Music Director</b>	Janet Berkebile	<b>Worship Childcare</b>	Tim McFadden
<b>Organist</b>	Marilee Gilliland	<b>Sound Engineer</b>	Gary Arnold
<b>Pianist</b>	Maryann Zerbe	<b>Graphics Operator</b>	Brian Arnold

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jan. 1 Jean Mann  
 Jan. 4 Paul Ritzmann  
 Jan. 5 Fred Walters  
 Jan. 5 Colyn Chris  
 Jan. 6 Bertha Ramos

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Jan. 31 Jim & Esther Buchanan  
 Dec. 29 James & Beth Breidenbach

**Last Sunday**

General Fund	\$ 2,438.09	Building for Christ	\$ 285.00
Church Community Services	\$ 5.00	Global Food Crisis	\$ 25.00
Soup of Success	\$ 5.00	Heifer Project	\$ 100.00
Fellowship N/L	\$ 200.00		

**Our Mission:**

Because we are God's beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we

**Seek** God's love in our lives

**Celebrate** God's love in vital worship

**Share** God's love through acceptance, service, and witness.



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