

New Year's Eve – December 31, 2018

Opening Hymn #71: "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"

P: In the name of our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

C: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity..."

P: "Now is a time for honest confession to you, O Lord, hear our prayer, listen to our cry for mercy, & in your faithfulness, come to our relief. Do not bring your servants into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer us quickly, O Lord; or our spirits fail. Do not hide your face from us, for we have put our trust in you. Show us the way we should go, for to you we lift up our souls. Teach us to do your will, for you are our God."

Silent reflection on our need for God's mercy.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we, troubled and repentant sinners, confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; We have not loved others as we should. We are distressed by the sins that dishonor you and are deeply sorry for them. We ask for your forgiveness.

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of the work and promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Responsive Prayer

P: O Lord, my God, I called for your help

C: and you answered me.

P: I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior.

C: Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness.

P: Help me fight against temptation,

C: correct whatever wrongs I can,

P: and serve you and those around me with love and good works.

C: In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: Eternal Father, before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the name of your Son and walking in the way of his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**



Psalm 90 (page 99)

New Year's Eve Lessons:

Genesis 17:1-7, 10-12

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³ Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring.

Luke 2:21

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

M: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you O Christ.

Hymn #69: "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

Message

"What a Name. What a Savior!"

The Nicene Creed (page 31)

Offering and Offering Prayer - Please fill out our Friendship Register at this time

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P: Dear Lord, by your mercy we enter another year.

C: We praise you.

P: By your power you've sustained our lives and protected us.

C: For your abundant blessings we thank you.

P: We step into another calendar year assured of your forgiving love through Jesus.

C: Although we don't know what lies ahead, we trust you to be with us.

P: Whatever this new year brings
C: We know you'll give us guidance and strength.
P: Lord, a day will come when all kneel before your Son.
C: Preserve us in saving faith, ever faithful to your Word.
P: Lord, you desire that more souls be saved.
C: Bless our efforts to share the Gospel.
P: Help us unite in the mission you've set before us.
C: Give us grateful hearts, committed to you and your gracious will for our lives.
P: We ask this in Jesus' name,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We begin with the Words of Institution on page 35 & follow this to the conclusion.)

Communion Hymn #70: "Help Us, O Lord, For Now We Enter"

Closing Hymn #72: "O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise"



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JESUS CHRIST
THE SAME *Yesterday Today* **FOREVER**
HEBREWS 13:8

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Monday, December 31, 2018
6:30pm

Thank you to our pianist this evening, Amibeth Olderman.