

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

COMING TO GOD

The Call to Worship

*Hymn: 293 Come, thou almighty King

Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem: New Year Carol Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Time with the Children

*Hymn: 570 I have decided to follow Jesus
[Children leave for the Kid Zone]

LISTENING TO GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament: Isaiah 61: 1-7 [O.T page 767]

New Testament: Matthew 4:23 – 5:12 [N.T. page 4]

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

*Hymn: 624 Blest are they

Sermon LIVING A BLESSED LIFE

The Offering

Offertory Anthem: New Year

John Rutter

Turn your eyes to the light; cast away the works of darkness, let them go: Turn your eyes to the light. Turn your face to the sun: Feel the warmth, the hope of new beginnings with each new year. The light was always there if we could but see it; And warmth was in the air if we'd known how to feel. Turn your eyes to the light, Turn your face to the sun: New light, new hope, new year. Turn your ears to the sound; Somewhere near, a voice is calling: hear the news, Turn your ears to the sound. Turn your heart to the love; Christ is come to bring the world new life. The voice is always there, if the world will hear it; and love is always there, if you search in your heart. Turn your ears to the sound, Turn your heart to the love: New life, new love, new year. New life and love, and light and hope, this good New Year.

*The Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Supplication and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: 612 verses 1, 4-7 Christ is the King

*The Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able

TODAY

Greeter: Gale Meek
Bible Reader: Marilyn Clarke
Ushering Captain: Wayne Holderney
Coffee Hour Hosts: Mary Clayton, Bonnie Brooks,
Shirley Fraser and Andrew Fraser

