#### The First Noel

The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord; That hath made Heaven and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind hath bought

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

John 3:19-20

PASTOR: And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 1:5-9

ALL: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

OF SIN In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

1 Peter 2:9-10

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ADVENT CANDLE Ohanian Family

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 211 (vv. 1-4)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING

(Sign, pass & return black pad at the end of the aisle)

♦ OFFERTORY "Sing and Rejoice"

Choir

− by Robert W. Thygerson −

\* PRAISING OUR GOD

Doxology (Hymn 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

- \* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS
- \* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE
- \* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels.

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb: very God, begotten, not created.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"Cur Deus Homo" — John 1:1-13

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.)
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

#### Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

# \* BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:1, 3

PASTOR: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Amen.

POSTLUDE Hana Do

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

\* Congregation Please Stand

If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian, the pastor is available in the narthex after the service. Copies of the brochure "How Do I Become a Christian" are also available in the narthex.

# SCRIPTURE

# John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

# SERMON NOTES

TITLE: "Cur Deus Homo" TEXT: John 1:1-13	Page 886 in the pew Bible	

Next Week:

Text: Romans 12:1-2

Preacher: Andrew Cies, Youth Minister

# **ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY	New Member Interviews — Library	12:00 p.m.
	New Member Interviews — Admin Rm103	12:00 p.m.
	Officers' Prayer for the Congregation — Conf Room	12:30 p.m
WEDNESDAY	Prayer — Admin Rm103	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Church Office Closed — Christmas Eve Holiday Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed — Christmas Day Holiday	

The church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/calendar.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

VISITORS — Please let us know you better so we can pray for you. Please sign the visitor pad at the end of the aisle. NURSERY IS PROVIDED DURING Sunday School and the Worship service for all children age three and under. Classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Bldg.

**COMMUNION** — We will be serving only gluten-free bread at the Lord's Table.

THE FLOWERS — This morning are given by Aba Ferguson in celebration of her birthday, and dedicated to Lily Rogers. Aba thanks God for adding one more year to her age. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God!

IMAD AUBREY – MUSLIM MINISTRY — If you would like to contribute to our ministry to Muslims which Imad Aubrey is leading, you can write checks payable to <u>Town North</u> <u>Presbyterian Church</u> – and write "<u>TNPC Muslim Ministry</u>" on the memo line.

LIFEChange OFFERING — Last week's total LIFEChange was \$869.00. Thanks be to God! If you did not bring your LIFEChange last Sunday, you may put your check in this morning's offering, marked "LIFEChange".

# THIS WEEK

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR 2016
Is in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship services in 2016, please sign up on the calendar now. While these flowers add a beautiful touch to our worship service, they also provide an opportunity to celebrate a special occasion or a loved one's memory. The arrangements are \$55 and may



Our Next Fellowship Luncheon... Join us after worship on January 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite wintery dish to share. The Dawson's and Eising's Disciple Groups will be hosting and providing dessert.

be taken home after church services. For questions, see Judy Dawson.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTION

The annual congregational meeting of Town North Presbyterian Church will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20th in the sanctuary.

Childcare will be provided.

#### YEAR-END DONATIONS

JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL GIFTS AND OFFERINGS NEED TO BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY END OF THE DAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31ST IN ORDER TO BE DEDUCTIBLE ON YOUR 2015 TAX RETURN. THESE DONATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED ON YOUR 2015 GIVING STATEMENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL GIFTS WILL BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

 December 2015 General Fund
 2015-2016 Operating Budget
 \$ 500,000

 Budget for July 1, 2015 – December 13, 2015
 \$ 225,806

 Giving for July 1, 2015 – December 13, 2015
 \$ 250,484

 Budget Variance
 \$ 24,678

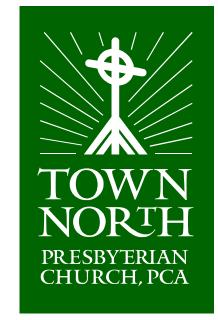
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# The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015 10:30 A.M.

#### REFLECTION

"He became what we are that He might make us what He is."

-Athanasius (296-373AD)

PRELUDE

Fiona Garwood

(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

**ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

Pastor David Rogers

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2, 6

PASTOR: The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

PEOPLE: For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.