

CALL AND PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY



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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN NO. 141 - *On this Day Earth Shall Ring* (Please ring bells on Refrain)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

we leave today, going into a future
as yet unmapped
take faith with you as you go;
into the parts of your life not yet traveled by love
into the parts of the world unexplored by grace
let compassion and hope be the roads that you follow
today and always, with the blessing of our God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, amen.

POSTLUDE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME 2023!

Sources

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First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette

January 1st, 2023

New Year's Day

Communion Sunday

First Sunday of Christmas

Experience God. Grow Disciples, Transform Lives.

Welcome to worship at First Pres Wilmette, we are pleased to have you with us. We hope joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. You are loved and never alone!

*please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE -

WORDS OF WELCOME AND SHARING OF RINGING INSTRUMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: AT THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR**

At the dawn of a new year,

we come to welcome hope for a new world.

Let the darkness lift, to welcome a dawn of plenty,
with enough for everyone and people ready to share.

**Let the day begin, with new energy for the struggle
to protect our children and to care for the vulnerable.**

Let the light shine, to open a path to safety
for all who are seeking home and longing for life.

**Let the sun rise on new talks and new resolve
to end the bombing and the terror and to find solutions that will last.**

At the dawn of a new year we come to declare our hope
and to welcome a new world.

OPENING HYMN NO. 143 - *Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

CONFESSION: A NEW BEGINNING

For all the things we have done wrong in the past
against God and against people, let us now turn to the Lord and to one another, to ask for and
to welcome forgiveness. First, in a time of silent, personal prayer and reflection....

Now, let us join in the responsive Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages.

Give us a new heart and a new spirit:

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end
of all that is, including our lives.

Make a new beginning with all of us:

Christ, have mercy. ***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation.

Make our old world new again:

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Have mercy on us, Lord,

and let your forgiveness and love

come down on us day after day.

Lead us to everlasting life. ***Amen.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: REVELATION 21: 1-6

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city,
where the river of life flows,
where the tree of life bears fruit in every season.

This heaven, this city, this river, this tree
are a vision of your life

reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Children's Chapel will resume next Sunday, January 8th)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

HEARING THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE THROUGH STORY AND SONG

Why the Chimes Rang – Part 1

Long silent Chimes in the Great Church Tower

Hymn No. 347 (seated) *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,* (verses 1 & 3)

Why the Chimes Rang – Part 2

2 Brothers journey on Christmas Eve

Hymn No. 144 (seated) *In the Bleak Midwinter,* (verses 1 & 4)

Why the Chimes Rang – Part 3

The gift that made the Chimes ring

HYMN (see insert) *Ding Dong, Merrily on High!

PRAYER OF GATHERING AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors. And lead us, not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the glory,

And the power forever. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND CUP

SUNG COMMUNION PRAYER (seated) HYMN NO. 119 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (verse 3)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die.

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"