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New Year's Eve Worship

December 31, 2007

VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this evening. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Thou Who Roll'st the Year Around"

Text: Ray Palmer (TLH #111)

Tune: Got Sei Dank (LSB #900)

1)

Thou who roll'st the year around,
Crowned with mercies large and free,
Rich Thy gifts to us abound; Warm our praise shall rise to Thee.

2)

Kindly to our worship bow While our grateful thanks we tell,
That, sustained by Thee, we now Bid the parting year farewell.

3)

All its numbered days are sped, All its busy scenes are o'er,
All its joys forever fled, All its sorrows felt no more.

4)

Mingled with th'eternal past, Its remembrance shall decay,
Yet to be revived at last At the solemn Judgment Day.

5)

All our follies, Lord, forgive; Cleanse us from each guilty stain.
Let Thy grace within us live That we spend not years in vain.

6)

Then, when life's last eve shall come, Happy spirits, may we fly
To our everlasting home, To our Father's house on high!

Hymn of the Day: "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

Text: Philip Doddridge (TLH #119)

Tune: Mendon (TLH #119; LSB #664)

1)

Great God, we sing that mighty hand

By which supported still we stand.

The op'ning year Thy mercy shows; Let mercy crown it till it close.

2)

By day, by night, at home, abroad, Still we are guarded by our God,

By His incessant bounty fed, By His unerring counsel led.

3)

With grateful hearts the past we own; The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit

And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet.

4)

In scenes exalted or depressed Be Thou our Joy and Thou our Rest.

Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,

Adored through all our changing days.

5)

When death shall interrupt our songs

And seal in silence mortal tongues,

Our Helper, God, in whom we trust,

In better worlds our soul shall boast.

Sermon: "The Best Defense is a Strong Offense"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal
Benediction

Closing Hymn: #733, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Postlude

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 Jn. 1:8-9)

(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)

P: Most merciful God:

C: we confess that we are sinners. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm 90, prayed responsively (see front section of the hymnal)

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Text: Tr. John M. Neale (TLH #116)

Tune: Regent Square (LSB #924)

1)

To the name of our salvation Laud and honor let us pay,
Which for many-a generation Hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
But with holy exultation We may sing aloud today.

2)

Jesus is the name we treasure, Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure, Ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure, Saving us from sin and hell.

3)

'Tis the name of adoration; 'Tis the name of victory;
'Tis the name for meditation In this vale of misery;
'Tis the name for veneration By the citizens on high.

4)

'Tis the name that whoso preacheth Speaks like music to the ear;
Who in prayer this name beseecheth Sweetest comfort findeth near;
Who its perfect wisdom reacheth Heavenly joy possesseth here.

5)

Jesus is the name prevailing Over every name by right;
At this name, in terror quailing, Powers of hell are put to flight;
God, in mercy never failing, Saves us by this name of might.

6)

Therefore we in love adoring This most blessed name revere,
Holy Jesus, Thee imploring So to write it in us here
That hereafter, heavenward soaring, We may sing with angels there.

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