

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Parry)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For everything there is a season.

**People: And a time for every matter under heaven.**

Leader: God has made everything suitable for its time.

**People: God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

Leader: God has done this, so that all should mark the time we are given.

**People: No matter what life brings, whatever God does endures forever.**

\*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

# 27

\*UNISON INVOCATION

**Eternal God, You have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives, You bless us with Your love. Grant that in this New Year we may know Your presence, see Your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever -- the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

"Precious Memories"

**Precious mem'ries, unseen angels, sent from somewhere to my soul;  
How they linger, ever near me, and the sacred past unfold.  
Precious mem'ries, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul;  
In the stillness of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (NLT)

MORNING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And with you also.**

One: Let us pray...

Organ Response

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Hymn of Promise" (Sleeth)

Stan Bailey, Pam Schuck

\*DOXOLOGY

**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. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, as we come to the end of one year, and the beginning of another, may our hearts be attuned to sharing what we have been abundantly given; "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Amen.**

\*SERMON HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

# 29 (v. 1-3)

SERMON

**REDEEMING THE TIME**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

# 28

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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 power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

# 451

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Traditional folk song)

**I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong,**

**I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

**Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.**

**Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

\*RINGING THE BELLS

\*CLOSING MUSIC

"Love Came Down at Christmas" (Price)

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### THE WEEK AHEAD...

#### SUNDAY - 1/1 - *New Year's Day*

9:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion  
9:15 am Praise Singers rehearsal  
10:00 am Sunday School, Breakfast  
11:00 am Discovery Worship with Holy Communion  
12:00 pm Kitchen/Dining Room Reserved

#### MONDAY - 1/2

##### **Building & Office Closed**

5:30 pm Gym Reserved

#### TUESDAY - 1/3

8:00 am Headstart PS  
8:00 am Weight Watchers  
9:30 am 4C Play & Learn  
3:00 pm Open Gym  
5:15 pm Weight Watchers  
5:30 pm Gym Reserved

#### WEDNESDAY - 1/4

8:00 am Headstart PS  
3:00 pm Open Gym  
5:15 pm Women at the Well Bible Study  
5:30 pm Confirmation, Wednesday Night Youth  
5:30 pm Gym Reserved  
6:00 pm Discovery Music  
5:45 pm Handbell Choir  
7:00 pm Traditional Choir

#### THURSDAY - 1/5

8:00 am Headstart PS  
9:30 am Discovery Bible Study  
1:00 pm Ladies' Aid  
3:00 pm Open Gym  
6:00 pm Gym Reserved

#### FRIDAY - 1/6

8:00 am Headstart PS  
7:00 pm Jr High Lock-in begins

#### SATURDAY - 1/7

9:00 am Jr High Lock-in ends

#### SUNDAY - 1/8 - *Epiphany*

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:15 am Praise Singers  
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School  
11:00 am Discovery Worship  
5:30 pm 180° Sr High

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

**Jan 1 9:00 am**  
& **S.S. Hour** Stacey Henderson  
**11:00 am** Stacey Henderson & Ruth Smith

**Jan 8 9:00 am**  
& **S.S. Hour** Stacey Henderson  
**11:00 am** Stacey Henderson & Janine Koehler

### GREETERS

**Jan 1 9:00 am** Eloise Castleman, Barb Marr  
**11:00 am** Lisa Huck, Nancy Hile

**Jan 8 9:00 am** Larry & Kathy Vonderahe  
**11:00 am** Shannon Jackson, Judy Lockhart

### USHERS

**January 9:00 am** Jim Geiser, Captain; Bob Dreier, Jeff Ludwig, Ken Young

**11:00 am** Ron Boren, Captain; Ryan Beck, Tony Bogan, Scott Hettenbach, Jerry McMillen

### PRAYER CONCERNS

*A complete list is posted on the entry bulletin board.*

Richard Alvis  
Millie Barrett  
Orion Bays (Riley)  
Brooke Bishop  
Stacey Henderson  
Davey Jourdan  
Rosalie Julian  
Shirley Kolb (home)  
Bill Merkel (Deaconess)  
Anna Oschman (rehab)  
Pamela Paul (daughter of Bob & Shirley Sheets)  
Jerry Schreiber (FL)  
Earl Williams  
Bill Yeager

Sympathy to the family and friends of Dick Wheeler (Billie Northerner's son-in-law).



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**First Sunday of the Year - 9:00 AM - January 1, 2017**