

Fourth Presbyterian Church and Holy Name Cathedral

New Year's Eve Ecumenical Service



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CHURCH



A LIGHT IN THE CITY

for family amusements and family pleasures;
 People: **Thank you, God.**
 Leader: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;
 People: **Thank you, God.**
 Leader: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;
 People: **Thank you, God.**
 Leader: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;
 People: **Thank you, God.**
 Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;
 People: **Thank you, God.**
 Leader: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;
 People: **We praise you, God.**
 Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;
 People: **We praise you, God.**
 Leader: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;
 People: **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**
 Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
 People: **God's love is everlasting.**

***Hymn 281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *W. Williams*

Benediction

Postlude Fanfare for the New Year *Calvin Hampton*

*Stand as you are able.

Participating in the Service Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church
 John M. Buchanan, Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church
 Robert E. McLaughlin, Pastor, Holy Name Cathedral
 Carol Carpenter, Soloist
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New Year's Eve Service 7:30 p.m.

Prelude The Old Year Has Now Passed Away *J. S. Bach*

Call to Worship

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
People: **a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**
Leader: a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
People: **a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;**
Leader: a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
People: **a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;**
Leader: a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
People: **a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.**
Leader: What gain have the workers from their toil? . . . That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-15)

Invocation

***Hymn 210** "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" *Isaac Watts*

Litany

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!
People: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!**
Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying: The grace of God be with us all.
O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.
People: **The grace of God be with us all.**
Leader: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.
People: **The grace of God be with us all.**
Leader: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice and further peace and freedom for all.
People: **The grace of God be with us all.**
Leader: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and

those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

People: **The grace of God be with us all. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Psalter Psalm 97 *(responsively)* (page 551, O.T.)

Solo "The Little Road to Bethlehem" *Michael Head*

First Lesson Revelation 21:1-6 (page 259, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)

Second Lesson Matthew 2:1-5 (page 2, N.T.)

Sermon by Robert McLaughlin

***Hymn 63** "As with Gladness Men of Old" *William C. Dix*

Prayers of the People for the Year Past and the Year to Come

Offertory

Offertory Solo "The Old Year Now Away Is Fled" *English ballad arr. Richard Peek*

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: **God's love is everlasting.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

People: **Thank you, God.**

Leader: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

People: **Thank you, God.**

Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People: **Thank you, God.**

Leader: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

People: **Thank you, God.**

Leader: For family; for living together and eating together;