We pray for the Wyoming church and the whole body of Christ...

With Mary, help us to treasure and ponder the gift that has been given to us, a gift of good news and great joy for all. O Christ, our light, ALL: hear our prayer. We pray for world...

With the prophets, help us to proclaim the promise of your peace for all nations and your justice for all people. O Christ, our light,

ALL: hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones, our friends and our families...

With the angels, help us to offer signs of hope, comfort, and joy for all who live in fear. O Christ, our light,

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world, help us to bear witness to your light so that all may believe and have life in you; in your holy name we pray with the saints of every time and place who lift up the prayer you taught your disciples,

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

You may make an offering via the QR Code, online at wyomingpresbyterian.org/giving or by mailing your gift to the church at 432 Wyoming Ave., Millburn, NJ 07041.



OFFERTORY

*HYMN 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

*PRAYER

ALL: Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. With gratitude for the grace you bestow, the gifts you give, and the blessings we receive from your hand, we offer our thanksgiving. Receive these offerings, we pray, that we may share in the divine life and mission of Jesus Christ our lord who now lives and deigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn 136 Go Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Hymn 155 (English, 2x) Raise a Song of Gladness JUBILATE DEO

POSTLUDE



Service for The Lord's Day

December 28, 2025 - First Sunday of Christmas

Our Vision is to be a caring, inclusive community Reflecting God's unconditional love. Our Mission is to put our faith into action.



Welcome to Worship!

Grace and peace to you from God and the Lord Jesus Christ! Please let us know you are worshipping with us by the QR code or completing the Welcome Card.



The worship service is live-streamed, recorded and posted online. Your presence in the sanctuary serves as a consent to be photographed or recorded. This is true for the children as well. If you have concerns, please speak to an usher for an appropriate seating spot.

An * denotes the people rise in mind and spirit and may stand in body, to honor the presence and glory of God. Music: GTG – Glory to God Hymnal; STF—Sing the Faith Songbook

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

An Inclusive Community

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship Vicki Sanborn

One: There is good news of great joy for all! Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord!

Light the candles.

Let us pray. Glory to you, almighty God, for you sent your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for you became flesh and lived among us that we might become your people. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives.

ALL: Glory to you, almighty God, and to your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*Assurance of Grace

One: We gather to rejoice in the light of Christ, to celebrate the grace and truth that comes to us which is the gospel. Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God; sought out, not forsaken. In Jesus Christ we are reconciled to God and one another. The peace of Christ be with you! ALL: And also with you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN 113 (Refrain)

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

GLORIA

Glo - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o! Glo - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

HEARING THE WORD

Of God's Unconditional Love

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh—good news of great joy for all—so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96: 1-4, Luke 2: 8-20

THE SOUNDS OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE

A CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

It has been said that the song book of a people is the best reflection of who they are and what they believe. As we enter the new Christian year, celebrating the coming of Christ in Jesus of Nazareth, let us share our faith by lifting up the hymns we hold dear and proclaim the joy of Christ's birth!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Putting our Faith into Action

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

It is the 1700th anniversary of the adoption of the original Nicene Creed, the most ecumenical and widely used statement of faith of the Christian Church. Let us join our siblings around the world in affirming our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

One: O Christ, our light, ALL: hear our prayer.

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray.