

# New Life Presbyterian Church

December 25, 2011

Blessed is the Spirit of Light  
who has birthed joy in our hearts  
and hope in our lives.



*"First Light"*

*Acosta 2011*

# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

*Christmas Morning, 2011*

JOY to the world

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† Please stand if you are able, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal

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## **~Prelude ~**

*As the music begins let us step away from the everyday and move into a place of worship.*

*Let us prepare our hearts, forgive our neighbors,  
open our ears to God's call to us this day.*

*Grace and Peace to you who calls you by name with love.*

## **Gathering**

† Gathering Hymn

“Joy to the World”

PH 40

*Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community*

*Lighting the Christ Light*

New Life Choral Ensemble “I Saw Three Ships”

Music Director, Matalie Wham

*I saw three ships come sailing in  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
I saw three ships come sailing in,  
on Christmas Day, in the morning.*

*Blessed be God, likewise the Son,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
blessed by God, likewise the Son,  
on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And what was in those ships all three,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
and what was in those ships all three,  
on Christmas Day in the morning?*

*Thus did she sing the whole day long,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
thus did she sing the whole day long,  
on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*The Mother Mary and her baby,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
the Mother Mary and her baby,  
on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And all the bells on earth did ring,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
and all the bells on earth did ring,  
on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*He sat and smiled on her knee,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
he sat and smiled on her knee,  
on Christmas Day in the morning.*

*And all the angels in heav'n did sing,  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,  
and all the angels in heav'n did sing,  
on Christmas Day in the morning.*

## Call to Worship

One: Happy Happy Joy Joy

All: **Happy Birthday Jesus**

One: Let the whole world hear the song

All: **Praise to God! Praise to God!**

One: This is the day that God has made

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God!**

† Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

PH 22

## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession in Unison

**Loving and merciful God, we confess to you and to each other  
our lack of love for and one another.**

**Forgive for the times we have failed to see the needs of those around us,  
and the times when we have failed to recognize  
our own capacity to be of service.**

**Let your love be born again in our hearts;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

### Assurance of Pardon in Unison

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy,  
you are the Christ, giver of mercy,  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

† Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

PH 41

## Scripture John 1:1-14

Christmas Meditation: “Share the light”

Rev. Bobbie McGarey

† Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

PH 24

## The Communion

Prayer of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sharing the Gifts of God for the People of God

Jesus Christ bread of heaven. Jesus Christ cup of Salvation

**Invitation to the Offering**

Christmas Joy  
Sharing our Gifts

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

Prayer of Dedication

† Sending Hymn 28      “Good Christian Friends Rejoice!”  
† Charge and Benediction

*May your Christmas day bring you deep joy.  
May the New Year bring you a shower of blessings.  
your life light shine into a world needing to know God’s abundant love.  
Happy Christmas*

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This morning’s service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.

*“I Saw Three Ships”  
Appalachian Carolarr. by Shirley W. McRae, with additional vocal parts by M.W.*  
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Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women’s movement, will meet for a monthly Forum on Friday, January 6th at El Buen Samaritano United Methodist Church. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10:00. The speaker will be Gail Evans, Legal Director of the NM Center on Law & Poverty. In addition, school supplies will be collected for the APS Title 1 program for students without a home. El Buen Samaritano is located at the corner of Granite & 7th St. NW. Please join us! For more information, please call Helen LeKates at 883-6903