

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *“This Blessed New Year”* by
Chesterton

(please be seated)

HYMN 733 - *we sing as indicated, standing*
1 - all **2 - all**
3 - women & girls **4 - men & boys**
5 - all **6 - all**

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 119:97-104 - *we read in unison*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has not overcome it.**

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all standing*
Before, all sing: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!
After, all sing: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

HYMN 410 - *we sing, seated*

Those who dwelt in the land of deep dark-
ness on them light has shined.

**We beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the
only Son from the Father.**

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED - *hymnal, back cover*

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
**In him was life, and that life was the light
of men**

HYMN 389, st 1, 4, 6 & 7 - *we sing, seated*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

page 196 - **LORD’S PRAYER**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN 390 - *we sing, standing*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE - *“An Irish Blessing”* by Glyn-
cannon

Let us pray. **Almighty God, You have
poured into our hearts the true Light of
Your incarnate Word. Grant that this
Light may shine forth in our lives;
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for-
ever. Amen.**

NEWS AND NOTES

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30AM - Bible Study
- 7:15PM - Bell Choir
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir
Thur -10:00AM - Bulletin Pick Up

2022 Volunteers Needed to deliver items to
the **food pantry** and **Hope Pregnancy Cen-
ter**. If you are able and would like to deliv-
er items once or twice a year, please sign up
on the bulletin board.

Attn Council Members! If you have not
already done so, please hand in your year-
end reports to the office by tomorrow, Janu-
ary 3 so that it may be included in the Annu-
al Report.

2022 Flower Chart - if you would like to
provide altar flowers on a particular Sunday,
please sign up on the flower chart located on
the bulletin board.

Little Cherubs Preschool is currently look-
ing for volunteers or paid substitutes for the
classroom. If you are interested, please con-
tact our Little Cherubs’ Director, JoAnn
Holstein.

Weather and Worship - to find out when
worship services have been canceled due to
weather conditions, check TV channels
WTNH channel 8/myTV9, WFSB channel
3, or our website, cheshirelutheran.org. A
mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would
like to be included on our mass e-mail
please let the church office know.

Annual Corporate Meeting will be held
here after our two worship services next
Sunday, January 9.

2022 Pledges - Please assist CLC in plan-
ning and meeting our financial obligations
by returning your pledge card to the church
as soon as possible. Thank you!

Kids Bulletins (for ages 3-6 & 7-12) are
always available here on the narthex table
along with our regular Sunday Service bulle-
tins. They are always linked with the day’s
Scripture readings. Kids - bring your own
pencils.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church - The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.