

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “Amazing Grace”
by Robert Hughes

HYMN 376 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5 - we sing, standing

INVOCATION

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

DIALOG

The Word became flesh, and we have seen
His glory. **Oh come, let us worship Him.**

The people walking in darkness have seen a
great light. **The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not overcome it.**

On those living in the land of the shadow of
death a light has dawned. **We have seen His
glory, the glory of the one and only Son
who came from the Father.**

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.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

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

Let us pray. **O God, our Maker and Re-
deemer, You wonderfully created us and
in the incarnation of Your Son yet more
wondrously restored our human nature.
Grant that we may ever be alive in Him
who made Himself to be like us; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN 380 - we sing, seated

SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7
*Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by
Isaiah.*

HYMN 386 - we sing, seated

THE SECOND LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-9
The peace that Christ will bring is prophesied.

HYMN 359 - we sing, seated

THE THIRD LESSON – Luke 1:26-38
*The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin
Mary.*

HYMN 366 - we sing, seated

THE FOURTH LESSON – Matthew 1:18-25
St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

HYMN 364 - we sing, seated

THE FIFTH LESSON – Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds are greeted by angels.

HYMN 368 - we sing, seated

THE SIXTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-12
The Wisemen are led by the star to Jesus.

HYMN 370 - we sing, seated

THE SEVENTH LESSON – John 1:1-14
St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

HYMN 379 - we sing, seated

APOSTLES’ CREED - we read, standing

ANTHEM - HYMN 362 (we sing, seated)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
(all may kneel)

Response: **Hear our Prayer!**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 367 vs 1, 2, 3 & 5 - we sing, standing

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Karen
Bailey and are in loving memory of Martha
Henderson.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 29 Offering: \$1,550

This Week Here

Wed	- 1:30 PM	- Bible Study
	- 7:00 PM	- Bell Choir
	- 7:45 PM	- Parish Choir
Thur	-10:00 AM	- Bulletin Pick Up

Attn Council Members! If you have not
already done so, please hand in your year-
end reports to the office by tomorrow, Janu-
ary 2 so that it may be included in the Annu-
al Report.

2023 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.

The Benevolence Fund is a vehicle through
which members can help those who are in
need and by which members in need can
find help. For assistance or to make a dona-
tion, please see Pastor Rowold. All transac-
tions are kept confidential.

Greeting Card Fund Raiser (a project of
the Thursday Ladies Group) - a variety of
greeting cards with Christian messages are
for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards
are displayed in a rack on the counter out-
side the office. We will continuously update
the selection which includes Birthday, Anni-
versary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You,

POSTLUDE - “All Hail the Power of Jesus’
Name” tune Coronation; setting by Petrich

Seasonal and miscellaneous choices. After
making your selection, please leave your
money or check in the box attached to the
display. Proceeds go towards various pro-
jects. Contact person is Paula Ongley.

Have You Visited CLC’s Website Lately?

Go to www.cheshirelutheran.org where you
can view the church calendar, read the Heav-
enly Herald, check out what Little Cherubs
are doing, get church weather closures and
so much more! Information on our colum-
barium can also be found through the fol-
lowing link: [https://cheshirelutheran.org/
memorial-garden-columbarium/](https://cheshirelutheran.org/memorial-garden-columbarium/).

Annual Corporate Meeting will be held
here after our two worship services next
Sunday, January 8.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour - Join us for
fellowship between the services. If you are
willing, and can serve some mornings by
setting up and cleaning up, please sign up on
the bulletin board. Your help would be
greatly appreciated! Baked goods are always
welcome and may be brought in at any time
and placed in the freezer to be enjoyed when
needed. Questions? Please contact Pam
Clark

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.