

Closing Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain #93

Benediction

Postlude

Let the Merry Bells Ring Out
(Composer: Handel/arr. Wasson)

Worship Participants

Welcome & Sermon	Ed Burton
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Greg Buell
Director of Traditional Music	Logan Henke
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**Worship
New Year's Eve
2023**

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Prelude

Carol Sing-a-long

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn

Away in a Manger

#86

Responsive Reading

Psalm 40 (NIV)

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings. We confess that we have not always lived up to your expectations, and we have fallen short as disciples. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Remind us, today, of your great love for us, and how you've forgiven us. Lord, we know you are a God of second chances and fresh starts, and we ask you to help navigate this coming year with confidence in you. Please guide us and give us the strength to overcome our weaknesses and temptations. Give us your wisdom and help us to love others as you have loved us. We pray for your mercy and grace, and we ask that you cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. Thank you for your unfailing love and faithfulness. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Kids Time

Anthem

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

(Composer: French/arr. Perkins)

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:19-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Trusting God in the New Year

Musical Reflection

Be Near Me Still (Prayer)

(Composer: Ferdinand Hiller, Op. 46)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer