



**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CEDAR CITY, UTAH**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
December 31, 2017  
10:00 AM**

**GATHERING SONG**                      **“Wexford Carol”**                      **Sara & Des Penny**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please sign the blue friendship register found in your pew and pass it to your neighbors.)*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**POURING THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**

*Remembering our own baptism, we pour the cleansing waters, knowing God’s continued blessing showered upon us.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of our Lord!

**All: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the our God together.

**\*A TIME OF PRAISE**

**Common Ground**

**“Go Tell it on the Mountain” and “We Three Kings”**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and loving God, you are eternal, ever-present and boundless in love. Yet sometimes we fail to recognize you in the daily moments of our lives. At times, fear, shame and doubt invade our very selves, bringing despair and hopelessness. We confess that we struggle at times to rely on your strength. God remind us of your presence in and around us. Draw us nearer to you, so that we can live more honestly and courageously in the new year ahead. Hear our silent prayers.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*RESPONSE “Awesome God”**

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love; Our God is an awesome God.

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## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Lynne Brown**

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 98:1-6**

**OT p. 551**

## **SERMON “Five Smooth Stones for the New Year”**

**Col. 3:12-17 NT p. 201**

**Pastor Nancy Pearson**

## **\*HYMN**

**“Another Year is Dawning”**

**(see insert)**

## **THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERTORY**

**I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

**Common Ground**

## **\*RESPONSE**

**“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich.”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

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## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**Common Ground**

## **SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \*SENDING SONG

“What Child is This?”

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## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Everyone is warmly invited to remain for coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

Childcare is provided from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the Nursery located on the west hallway; please ask a greeter for directions. Parents may drop off young children and infants in the Nursery before worship. **There will be no Sunday School for children today. Sunday School will resume next week January 7.**

Activity clipboards are available for all children; please ask a greeter. Parents may use the Narthex (foyer) outside the Sanctuary if their children become restless. We love having children in our worship!

**Community Presbyterian Church**

***“Reach, Grow, Send”***

***“Inviting people to experience Jesus Christ  
and to become his joyful disciples”***

## **Announcements**

**December 31, 2017**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Has New Winter hours!** They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9:45-10:45 am in the library to knit or crochet prayer shawls. **Next meeting is Tuesday, January 2.** All are welcome!

**Care and Share** especially needs pasta, noodles and rice. Thank you for donating for local needy families. You can donate perishable foods to the shopping cart anytime.

**2017 Tax Reminder.** All contributions to the church that you wish to deduct on your 2017 income tax must be received or postmarked by **today December 31**. If you would like to make a year-end gift to the church, that would be appreciated. Thank you!

**Annual Reports are due January 12!**

**These Days,** NEW Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, January-March 2018 are available in the Narthex.

**ICAMA** (Iron County Acoustic Music Association) presents Mason Cottam and friends in concert at Community Presbyterian Church Friday January 12 at 7 p.m. Mason is a local singer, songwriter and amazing guitarist. Come and bring a friend! Suggested donation of \$5.

**Bible and Brew.** Come on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to explore a Bible passage and talk about what it means for our lives. There will be **NO** Bible and Brew on January 2. We will resume on Tuesday, January 9.

**Abigail Circle will meet January 10 at 6 pm** This year they are studying Philippians, "Run The Race" by Bill Hybels. Call Jeanine Howells at 590-1934 for more information.

**Martha Circle:** The next meeting will be **January 11**. Please study the chapters, "Jacob's Ladder", Home Schooling" and Mild in the Wrong". Contact Sonya Swatsley at 435-590-1432 for more information

**Save the date January 20, 2018 for the Annual Talent-no-Talent show and potluck dinner.** Dinner will be at 6 pm and the show will follow.

**Help with Coffee Fellowship?** If you'd like to provide refreshments, set up and clean up on a specific Sunday, please sign up! Thank you!

**Stewardship** We continue to receive faith pledges from our members and friends towards our 2018 budget. If you would like to make a financial commitment for the coming year, please find a pledge card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. We appreciate your faithful giving.

**DVD copies** of the Sunday Services are also available to check out from the church office, check it out!

**Treasures Community Thrift Store.** Volunteers are needed! The store is open Thursday-Saturday 10 am – 4 pm with prep days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The phone number at the store is (435) 865-5972 and the address is 1093 S. Main Street. Please pick up applications to volunteer in the church office. If you have furniture that needs to be picked up, please call the Thrift Store at (435) 865-5972 or Fred Hite at 435-559-0065. Treasures will be closed between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

**Have you discovered our “online giving?”** This is an easy way for you to make contributions to the church. Go to the church website and click on “Give Now.” You'll see that you can make a contribution to the general fund as well as to designated projects. Another great thing about online giving is that if you set up a recurring donation, it will be contributed regularly and so will continue when you are not here on Sundays. Thanks for keeping your giving up to date.

**Community Presbyterian Financial Update**

2017 Budget	\$253,518.00
Income: (11/30/17)	\$156,419.40
Expenses: (11/30/17)	\$179,496.94
Balance (11/30/17)	-\$23,077.54

Thank you for your stewardship of God's good gifts, for keeping your giving current and for your support of Community Presbyterian's ministries.

**Please Pray.** Elaine Moores; Kim Fiero; Steve Covey; Valerie Orlemann; Patt Behrens; Lee DeFever; Charlie Brazier; Alex Mansour's family; Joyce Vandever (bereaved for son Champ); Ruth Kinney & family (bereaved for brother in law Ralph) Jane McCoy; (bereaved for mother).

## Church Calendar

December 31, 2017—January 7, 2018

- 31 Sunday**  
8:45 am NO Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship & Communion  
11:15 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am NO Youth Group (Middle School & High School)  
Noon Great World Religions Class
- 1 Monday** Happy New Year!
- 2 Tuesday**  
9:45am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4 Thursday**  
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7 Sunday**  
8:45 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am Worship & Communion  
10:15 am Sunday school  
11:15 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 am Youth Group (Middle School & High School)  
Noon Great World Religions Class



**Thanks for  
Worshipping With Us**

## Today's Worship Leaders and Fellowship Hosts

### 10:00 am

Praise Band Director	Linda Johnson
Accompanist	Christine Winterrose
Liturgist	Steve Covey
Communion Coordinator	Stetzenbach's
Children's Message	Lynne Brown
Coffee Fellowship	Leftover Christmas Goodies & Coffee

### Community Presbyterian Session

<u>Class of 2018</u>	Janet Ackart, Rick Osborn, Klaus Stetzenbach
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Lynne Brown, Dianne Morrison, Rita Osborn
<u>Class of 2020</u>	Mary Belle Royer
Stated Clerk	Dana Covey

### Community Presbyterian Board of Deacons

<u>Class of 2018</u>	Peggy Dahl, Jan Hite, Linda Stetzenbach
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Steve Covey, Martha Bayer, Amarante Vasquez
<u>Class of 2020</u>	Les & Elaine Holland, Ann Johnson, Debbie Vogel

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