

# First Presbyterian Church

Schenectady, New York

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 25, 2011

11:00 A.M.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We bear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.*

#### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude:** *Sing We Now of Christmas*

*arr. Gilbert Martin*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Pastor Roff*

#### CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

**\*Doxology:** *No. 195 - Joy to the World (stgs 1, 4)*

*Isaac Watts*

**\*Ascription of Praise:** *Matthew 1:1-2, 9-11*

*Ruling Elder Rob Roy*

**\*Invocation**

**\*Carol Medley:**

*No. 226 - As with Gladness Men of Old*

*William Chatterton Dix*

*No. 228 - Saw You Never, in the Twilight*

*Cecil Frances Alexander*

*Joy Has Dawned Upon the Earth*

*Keith & Kristyn Getty*

#### DEDICATING OUR LIVES

**Christmas Testimonies**

**Offertory:** *Gesu, Bambino*

*Pietro Yon*

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** (*"debits" and "the evil one"*)

**\*Hymn:** *No. 209 - Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn*

*John Byrom*

#### PREACHING HIS WORD

**Children's Message:** *Lindy Gower (Children's Ministry Director)*

**Scripture:** *Daniel 2:24-47 (page 923 in pew Bibles)*

*Pastor Roff*

**Sermon: "PICTURES OF JESUS, BEFORE HE WAS BORN;  
DANIEL'S ROCK"**

*The God of heaven will set up a kingdom.  
It will crush all those kingdoms, but it will itself endure. Dan. 2:44*

#### GOING FORTH TO SERVE

**\*Hymn:** *No. 207 - Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

*Medieval Latin Carol*

**\*Benediction:** *based on Daniel 2*

**\*Postlude:** *Once in Royal David's City*

*arr. Fred Bock*

#### Next week's Sunday schedule

8:15 am - Morning Worship (contemporary)

9:40 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 - Morning Worship (classical)

*(no evening service on New Year's Day)*