**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS January 1, 2023**

 **PRELUDE** [*Noël IX, Sur les Flûtes*](https://imslp.org/wiki/Special%3AImagefromIndex/709185) d’Aquin (1694-1772)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **INTROIT** *Angels, We Have Heard on High*  Gloria

 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

 Leader:  The voice of the Lord calls to gather this day.

 **People: This is the voice of power; a voice that breaks cedars and shakes**

 **the wilderness.**

 Leader: This is a voice that flashes forth with flames of fire; a voice

 that causes the oaks to whirl.

 **People: This voice is the voice of our Lord who calls us to worship**

 **in splendor and glory.**

 Leader:  Let us worship God!

 **\*OPENING HYMN 152** *What Star is This, with Beams so Bright* Puer nobis nascitur

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 **Gracious God, at Creation, you separated light from darkness and called**

 **it good. We are afraid to look closely at our lives, and so we prefer the dark.**

 **And yet, even now, we crave the light only You can provide. Forgive us,**

 **Lord, this and all our sin. Dispel the darkness in which we hide, and bring**

 **us into the light as your beloved children, with whom you are well pleased.**

# SILENT PRAYER

#  ASSURANCE OF PARDON

# \*GLORIA PATRI #581 Greatorex

 **FIRST SCRIPTURE** LESSON Isaiah 60:1-3,19-22 p. 602

 **ANTHEM** *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* Schop (1590-1644)

 Bach (1685-1750)

 (text can be found in hymn 130)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 8:12 p. 870

**SERMON** *Light for the New Year*Rev. Rachel Hamburger

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Invitation*

*Great Thanksgiving*

*Communion of the People*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

 **\*CLOSING HYMN** 119 *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

 **\*CHARGE &** BENEDICTION

 **POSTLUDE** *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, BWV 606 Bach



**\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE.**

**Link for this week’s service is:** <https://youtube.com/watch?v=yXfWwS97ZZs&feature=shares>

*Audio aids are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*



Legacy at North Augusta: Mary June Cook

UVA: Beth Crickenberger

The Colonnades’: Bird Heuchert

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab, Nancy Garber

Home: Dick Huff, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin,

Walt Flora, Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley.

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew,

Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton),

Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Paul Watts (Colleen Cash).

Military: Carson Craig

We welcome back to our Pulpit Rev. Rachel Hamburger, and thank her for

supplying today’s message.

Offerings must be received by Jan 8, 2023, to be applied to the 2022 year.

Please make a note as to which year you would like.

 **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

 *A community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God’s grace.*

**January 1, 2023 11:00 AM**



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