

Worship on the Eve of the civil New Year

December 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for joining us on this eve of the New Year, 2018. Before holding our own individual celebrations of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new, we meet as one body to accept renewed obedience to Christ and to pray, sing, and hear the Word of God. We celebrate the blessing of another year with our hearts and minds on the captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading & Evening Prayer

Luke 13:6-9

found on page 765 in your Pew Bible

Steven Tiner

"Every Day with Jesus"

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" (576)

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Offertory Prayer

Greg Gann

Instrumental Offertory

New Year's Sermon

"One Thing"

Philippians 3: 12-14

found on Pages 868 in your Pew Bible

Steven Tiner

"Day by Day" (66)

*The Year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said.*

The memory alone remains

Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains.

And now with purpose full and clear,

We turn to meet another year.

-Robert Browning

Responsive Reading

Pastor: For everything there is a season:

People: And a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Pastor: A time to be born, and a time to die;

People: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

Pastor: A time to kill, and a time to heal;

People: A time to break down, and a time to build up.

Pastor: A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

People: A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Pastor: A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

People: A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

Pastor: A time to get, and a time to lose;

People: A time to keep, and a time to cast away;

Pastor: A time to rend, and a time to sew;

People: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Pastor: A time to love, and a time to hate;

People: A time of war, and a time of peace.

ALL: He hath made everything beautiful in His time:

- taken from Ecclesiastes chapter 3

The Symbolic Chiming of the 12th Hour

Please remain standing for the chiming of the hour.

"Auld Lang Syne"

"Auld Lang Syne" is sung each year on New Year's Eve in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and the United States. The lyrics were written by the Scottish poet, Robert Burns.

*Pronounced **awld lang zahyn, sahyn**, it means, "old times, especially times fondly remembered."*

Postlude

