

## Peace United Church of Christ



### Worship Resources for the First Sunday after Christmas

#### **New Year's Eve- December 31, 2023**

*If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby  
and light the Christ candle as part of the service today.*

*Happy New Year from Peace UCC! PB*

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Hymn "Joy to the World"**

Joy to the World! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

#### **Opening Prayer**

*Loving and gracious God,  
we give you thanks for the gift of Christmas,  
and for the gift of your child Jesus.  
In him we see all the fullness of your love,  
in him we find an endless source of joy.  
We lift our praise with the angels,  
share in the awe of the shepherds,  
and bow in humble adoration with the wise ones.  
Christ is here! Gloria in excelsis deo!*

*Amen*

**Scripture Reading** Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2:22-40

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

#### **Closing Hymn "The First Noel"**

The first noel, the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all, with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

#### **Benediction & Sending Forth**