

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

February 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Theme:** Jesus Grows in Favor with God and People

**Meditation:** *God is Spirit; those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.* -- John 4:23-24

**PRELUDE** Carrie Todd

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*O come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.*

**\*\*LET'S SING** *Come, Thou Almighty King* #2

**SPEAKING OUT OUR PRAISE** Responsive Reading #11

**Prayer of Praise**

**Praying as Jesus Taught His Disciples**

**\*\*Singing Glory to the Father** *The Gloria Patri* (#705)

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD TO US

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** (Congregation reads bold type)

From *Psalms/Now* 146

Praise God!

**As long as I breathe I will worship our God.**

Don't pin your hopes on the plans and schemes of humans,

**For they will all come crashing down!**

But the person who draws strength from God is secure.

**God created everything and called it good.**

And our God can heal our wounds and mend the fractures of our world.

**Our God breaks all that binds us and visits us with Truth.**

Our God cares for those who are lost and lonely.

**This is the God we worship—and gladly, too!**

**\*\*LET'S SING AGAIN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #41

*\*\* All who are able, please stand*

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

(Pew Bible NT p. 59)

*Jesus was in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, discussing deep questions with them.*

### SERMON

Tony Pappas

***Making Worship Worth It!***

**Reflection** from I Corinthians 14:26f

*When you meet, let some sing, others teach, others share special words from God...everything must be useful to all and build the congregation up in the Lord.*

**SINGING ONE MORE TIME** *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* #507

### TIME FOR SHARING

**Sharing Our Tithes and Contributions**

**Offertory Music**

Carrie Todd

**\*\*The Doxology**

(#706)

**\*\*Prayer of Blessing**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Tony Pappas

**Sharing of News and Opportunities**

**Sharing in Prayer**

**POSTLUDE**

Carrie Todd

**BENEDICTION**

Tony Pappas