**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

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**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship** – *Psalm 104:1-2; 31-35*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.*

*May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

*May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.*

*Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!*

**Lift up our Voices in His Praise** *(Excerpt from a sermon preached by C.H. Spurgeon on January 1, 1885)*

Rejoice in the Lord with me and cry "Hallelujah"

**"Hallelujah!"**

*Hallelujah, glory be to our Redeemer's name. Why should we not lift up our voices in his praise? We will. He has put a new song into our mouths, and we must sing it. The mountains and the hills break forth before us into singing, and we cannot be dumb. Praise is our ever new delight; let us baptize the new year into a sea of it. In praise we will vie with angels and archangels, for they are not so indebted to grace as we are. But we have tasted these precious things, and unto God we will lift up our loudest song for ever and forever.*

Join me as we lift our voices and sing praises to our precious Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

**Song of Praise** – *He Is Exalted*

**You Are God** *(Psalm 90:1-2)*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**Song of Praise** – *Our Great God*

**Prayer of Confession** *(Excerpt from Warren Wiersebe’s book, Real Worship)*

*Gracious Father,*

*You are enthroned upon the praises of Your people. But we have so trivialized our worship that Your throne is no longer high and lifted up.*

*Forgive us for seeking entertainment instead of enrichment and for substituting performance for real worship. Grant us the vision to see what we’re missing and the courage and devotion to pay the price to regain it.*

*May we not be conformers. May we be transformers who experience Your grace and bring You great glory. May Your house once again become a house of prayer and a place where Your glory is seen.*

**Song of Worship** – *Give Us Clean Hands*

**I Glorify You** *(Psalm 63:1-5)*

***Worship Leader*** *You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.  
I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.*

***Worshipers*** *Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.  
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*

**Song of Worship** – *Here I Am To Worship*

**Offering**

**New Year Prayer - *(***Trevin Wax; *Adapted from the first 21 Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)*

*Lord God Almighty,*

*I understand that I am unable to do anything without your help,  
so I ask you to enable me by your grace to fulfill your will.*

*Give me grace to do whatever brings most glory and honor to you,  
pleasure and profit to me, and life and love to others.*

*Help me to number my days, spending my time wisely,  
living my life with all my might while I still have breath.*

*Humble me in the knowledge that I am chief of sinners;  
when I hear of the sins of others, help me to not look upon them with pride,  
but to look upon myself with shame, confessing my own sins to you.*

*When I go through difficulties and trials,  
remind me of the pains of hell from which you have already delivered me.*

*Place people in my path who need my help,  
and give me a compassionate and generous spirit.*

*Fill my heart with such love  
that I would never do anything out of a spirit of revenge,  
nor lose my temper with those around me.*

*Hold my tongue when I am tempted to speak evil of others.*

*Thank you for the gospel and for the hope of glory.*

*Help me to live in light of these truths every day of my life,  
so that when the time of my death arrives,  
I will rest assuredly in you, and you will be most glorified in me.*

*In Christ’s name…****Amen.***

**Song of Praise –** *Rock of Ages*

**Message** –Scripture Reference: Titus, Chapter 3

**Time of Prayer**