

December 31, 2023; 9:00 am
First Sunday of Christmas

We Gather Together

Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on ZOOM or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew.

Prelude: PH 22 “Angels From the Realms of Glory” vs. 1, 3, 4
PH 31 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing
GTG 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High

Welcome & Announcements

Jolene Schry

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Jolene Schry

As the land is renewed each year
and new crops sprout,
so the Lord God is restoring us.
We are transformed by God’s glory and power,
God’s revelation in a little child.
Salvation shall bring complete transformation.
The Lord God is saving us.
With our whole being we rejoice in our God.
Let us worship God!

***Sung Response: PH 49 “Once in Royal David’s City”**

***Call to Confession**

As children of God,
we come to God in our joys,
in our sorrows,
in our fears, and in our guilt.
Knowing that God loves us
and embraces us,
let us bring our confessions to God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

You have sent Your Son to us to show us the way.

Even when we have turned our backs, followed our own paths,

You offer us Light. Forgive us when we are so willful and stubborn.

Forgive us when we think more about ourselves and our comforts than

we think of reaching out to others. Remind us again that Jesus witnessed

to us the Light of Love that serves, guides, and heals. Thank you for

loving us so much that You would give us this most precious gift. Amen.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

The promise of God's amazing love is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus, the Christ in Bethlehem.

The gift of that love is in us as we receive God's grace and offer forgiveness to all who are near.

Receive the greatest gift of them all. God's love is shining in your lives this day.

We give the greatest gift of all, we declare to everyone that God's love has forgiven us and made us whole.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response: GTG 113 chorus only "Gloria"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament: Psalm 148 (page 582 in the pew Bible)

New Testament: Galatians 4:4-7 (page 189 in the pew Bible)

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Chaplain Darren Beachy

Sung response: GTG 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

We Respond to God's Word

Offering: "Es Ist Ein Ros"

arr. by Stephen J. Rohde

***Offertory: PH 53** "What Child is This" vs. 3

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Sung response: GTG 37** "Let all Things Now Living"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

Variations VI & VII

Lynn L. Petersen

January Deacon of the Month
Linda Neville

January Elder of the Month
Brian Conran

This Week at Church

Sunday

12.31

9:00-10:00am
10:15am

Worship – Chaplain Darren Beachy
Fellowship Time – Star Words!

Monday

01.01.2024

Happy New Year!
Church Office is closed.

Wednesday

01.03.2024

8:00-9:00am
1:00-2:30pm
4:00-6:00pm
4:30-5:30pm

Men's Breakfast
Personnel Team
Loaves and Fishes
Bell Choir

Thursday

01.04.2024

10:00-11:00am
1:00-2:00pm

Growing Connections Planning
Serving Team

Saturday

01.06.2024

9:00-10:30am
9:00-12:00pm

Deacons Meeting / Take Down Christmas Decorations
Table Tennis

Sunday

01.07.2024

9:00-10:00am
10:15am
10:20am

6:00-7:30pm

Worship/Communion - Rev. Andy Sonneborn
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections – In person only
Sermon Discussion
Boy Scouts Committee (Zoom)

Looking Ahead

Worship

January 14

Chaplain Evan Stark

Worship

January 21

Pastor Craig Alwin

Annual Meeting

January 28

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Sandy T.
Pat D.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Gib D.	Lynn K.
Arnold L.	Ashley K.
Jesse F.	Cathie
Liam A.	Dick S.
Burt M.	Mike S.
Cathie	Dale F.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	Maryann C.
Marie L.	Lori M.

All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

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E-Giving

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
December 24, 2023	230 IN THE SEATS	\$7,649.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES--77 in the A.M & 153 in the P.M
12/18--12/22/2023		\$566.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$8,215.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
12/24/2023	9 HOUSEHOLDS		9-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 12/24/2023

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