

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Waiting for God  
December 31, 2023



I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. *Isaiah 61:10a*

## Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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### **Welcome! Members and Guests**

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

### **Listening Devices**

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

### **Pew Cushions**

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

### **Wheelchair Accessible Seating**

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

### **Church Nursery**

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

### **Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies**

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

***Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!***

**PRELUDE**  
**RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PREPARATION**

Pastor: How much time do we spend waiting? A study by the Timex corporation revealed that the average American spends thirty-eight hours annually waiting in traffic and thirteen hours each year on the telephone waiting for customer service. Waiting is not always easy, but certain kinds of waiting are truly worthwhile. The Gospel for the First Sunday after Christmas takes us to the temple in Jerusalem, where Simeon, a “righteous and devout” man is “waiting for the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25). And his wait is more than worthwhile. He gets to hold the infant Christ Child and to express his thanks firsthand for the salvation that Jesus will accomplish. The waiting for Simeon was over. God knew the exact right time for His beloved Son to come to earth into this sin-filled world. God had a plan for salvation that was carried out faithfully and completely by Jesus. As we worship, we echo the words of Simeon, thankful that our waiting for Immanuel is over and that we are assured of the salvation brought by Jesus, the one for whom Simeon was waiting so patiently.

(Please stand)

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 89:1, 52; 71:19, 23*

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD,  
forever;

**People: with my mouth I will make known Your  
faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high  
heavens.

**People: You who have done great things, O God, who  
is like You?**

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to  
You;

**People: my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD forever!

**People: Amen and Amen.**

## HYMN

“Joy to the World” *LSB 387 vs 1 & 2*  
**Joy to the world, the Lord is come**  
**Let earth receive its King**  
**Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room**  
**And heav'n and nature sing**  
**And heav'n and nature sing**  
**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing**

**Joy to the earth the Savior reigns**  
**Let men their songs employ**  
**While fields and floods rocks hills and plains**  
**Repeat the sounding joy**  
**Repeat the sounding joy**  
**Repeat repeat the sounding joy**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. So often we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for the grace and forgiveness that we know to be ours in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us, heavenly Father, to change what is sinful in our lives so that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you

all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**People: Amen.**

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 52:10*

**People: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

***Men: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.***

***Women: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.***

***Men: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.***

***Women: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!***

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art” *LSB* 801 vs 1

**O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made  
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art**

**KYRIE** (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high

**People: (sing) and on earth peace, goodwill**

**toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only**

**art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **HYMN INTRODUCTION**

Pastor: Every day in the life of the Church brings opportunities for praise and celebration. We have so many reasons to celebrate, including the presentation of the Savior at the temple as well as the closing of another year of our Lord while we reflect on the continuing blessings experienced by each generation.

The last day of the calendar year brings us an opportunity to reflect on the changes in life that have come our way since last January. We have been gladdened at the birth of children and



observed passages such as marriages, first jobs, and new homes. God has been a constant presence, blessing the generations with His everlasting love. Using words of faith penned by English hymn writer Isaac Watts as a paraphrase of Psalm 90, we proclaim God’s faithfulness in ages past and for years to come.

## HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB 733 vs 1-3*

**O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone  
And our defense is sure**

**Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting Thou art God  
To endless years the same**

(Please be seated)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 61:10–62:3 ESV*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns

herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

**62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Welcome to Our World”

By Marie & Dave Brown

## **EPISTLE** *Galatians 4:4–7 ESV*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**GRADUAL** *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

Pastor: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

Pastor: And His name shall be called Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God,

**People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

**People: for He has done marvelous things!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the  
second chapter

**People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 2:22–40* ESV

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him

up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *LSB* 380

**Hark the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King  
 Peace on earth and mercy mild  
 God and sinners reconciled  
 Joyful all you nations rise  
 Join the triumph of the skies  
 With the angelic hosts proclaim  
 Christ is born in Bethlehem  
 Hark the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King**

**Christ by highest heav’n adored  
 Christ the everlasting Lord  
 Late in time behold Him come  
 Offspring of a virgin’s womb  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
 Hail incarnate deity  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell  
 Jesus our Immanuel  
 Hark the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
 Light and life to all He brings  
 Ris'n with healing in His wings  
 Mild He lays His glory by  
 Born that man no more may die  
 Born to raise the sons of earth  
 Born to give us second birth  
 Hark the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King**

**++ SERMON ++**

(Please stand)

## **NICENE CREED**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father**

**Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the**

**dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *LSB 215*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**



(Please be seated)

## OFFERING

## HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *LSB 806*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He’s given**

**Jesus Christ**

**His Son**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He’s given**

**Jesus Christ**

**His Son**

**And now let the weak say**

**I am strong**

**Let the poor say**

**I am rich**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**And now let the weak say**

**I am strong**

**Let the poor say**

**I am rich**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**Give thanks**

(Please stand)

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, merciful and everlasting God, whom we are privileged to call upon as our Father. Mercifully grant that we may live in thankfulness for the assurance that in Christ, the long-awaited Messiah, has come and has brought the joy of salvation among us. Grant that we celebrate this day at Your Table of grace, awaiting the feast that is to come in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS** *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, O God, for You have delivered us from the power of sin, death, and the devil and have called us to be with You in Your kingdom, which is forever. We bless You for having invited us to this feast as Your beloved children of promise in Christ. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may live as Your faithful servants as we await Your final advent in glory. Receive our prayers and thanksgivings and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be praise and honor, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it

to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** *LSB 733 vs 4-6*

**A thousand ages in Thy sight**

**Are like an evening gone**

**Short as the watch that ends the night**

**Before the rising sun**

**Time like an ever-rolling stream**

**Soon bears us all away**

**We fly forgotten as a dream**

**Dies at the op'ning day**

**O God our help in ages past**

**Our hope for years to come**

**Be Thou our guard while troubles last**

**And our eternal home**

(Please stand)

## **THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to  
life everlasting.

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Almighty God, ruler of all things, we bless You  
for having joined us to Christ through this blessed  
Meal. Grant that the Holy Spirit graciously  
intercede for us and direct our ways that we do  
the good works intended for us to do and,  
faithfully waiting for Your return in glory, joyfully  
continue our earthly pilgrimage until we are  
gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in  
Your blessings for all eternity. This we ask through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” *LSB 388*

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'ry where  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light**

**Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'ry where  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth**

Go tell it on the mountain  
 Over the hills and ev'ry where  
 Go tell it on the mountain  
 That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lonely manger  
 The humble Christ was born  
 And God sent us salvation  
 That blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain  
 Over the hills and ev'ry where  
 Go tell it on the mountain  
 That Jesus Christ is born

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong Ushers

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy New Year!

**BINGO!**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Quilting**

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm



## **Attendance**

Sunday December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	50
Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm	30

## **Prayer List**

**If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437.** Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

## **Anniversary**

Sally & Sherm Trout – December 31<sup>st</sup>

## **Birthdays**

Cathy Tavarez – January 1<sup>st</sup>

## **For the Shut-Ins**

*Judy Ohannasian, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*Camell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at rehab*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

## **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Bill Fults**, Preschool Jackie, home recovering

**Diane Torok**, friend of Nancy Nolan, Rehab after surgery & pray for strength

**Patrica Bates**, Health Concerns

**Trevor Ashley**, Paul Utcai's Grandson, Cancer

**Marlene Jacobs**, Paul Utcai's Cousin, Sickness

**Bill Switter**, Home recovery

**Joan Hafkesbrink**, moving to assisted living

**Melvin Kimbrough**, in Rehab at Vibra, improving

## Important Dates

January 7<sup>th</sup> – (Epiphany Sunday) Church

Un-decorating after church or possibly after  
Sunday morning bible study.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday December 31	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Monday January 1	Office Closed
Wednesday January 3	10:30 am Bible Study 6pm Bingo
Thursday January 4	10am Quilting
Friday January 5	Office Open
Saturday January 6	5pm Service
Sunday January 7	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service



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