

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2023



And he [Simeon] 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.

Luke 2:27–28

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
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS
WORDS OF WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL!

Pastor: Are you prepared for heaven? Admittedly, this is an odd question when we are celebrating Jesus' birth. Yet, Jesus was born to die to save His people from their sins. As Simeon held the Christ Child, he couldn't help but say, ***"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word,"*** while also telling Mary, ***"Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed."*** That opposition eventually brought about His death on a cross. Yet, Jesus was born to die and rise to life again so that all who believe in Him might live! That is the best Christmas gift ever.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice" *LSB* 390

**Let us all with gladsome voice
 Praise the God of heaven
 Who to bid our hearts rejoice
 His own Son hath given**

**To this vale of tears He comes
 Here to serve in sadness
 That with him in heav'ns' fair homes
 We may reign in gladness**

**We are rich, for He was poor
Is no this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder**

**Christ, our Lord and Savior dear
Be Thou ever near us
Grant us now a glad new year
Amen Jesus, Hear us**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore
You are feared.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are
sinful and unclean. We have taken for granted the
free gift of salvation You give us through Jesus.
Help us to focus on the reason for the season, the
birth of Your Son. Forgive us, O God, and let us
depart in peace, according to Your Word, for the
sake of Your Son, Jesus, who came to save us
from our sins.**

Pastor: Receive the free gift that Jesus offers: the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of our newborn King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

(Please be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *LSB 387; Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 52:10*

Hymn stanzas to be sung: *LSB 387*

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**Let earth receive her 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.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

People: 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.**

Pastor: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People: All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.**

**People: No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes
of all the nations,

**People: and all the ends of the earth shall see the
salvation of our God.**

**People: He rules the world 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.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done
marvelous things!

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

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of our newborn King, which is
beyond our understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our salvation from Christ, the Prince of
Peace, for the proclamation of the Gospel and the
calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Holy Christian Church, for we have seen
Your salvation that You have prepared in the
presence of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Great and Mighty Wonder” *LSB 383 vs 1&2*

A great and mighty wonder

A full and holy cure

The virgin bears the infant

With virgin honor pure

Proclaim the Savior’s birth

To God on high be glory

And peace to all the earth

The Word becomes incarnate

And yet remains on high

And cherubim sing anthems

To shepherds from the sky

**Proclaim the Savior's birth
To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth**

(Please stand)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our Savior, we praise and thank You for coming to be born of Mary so that through faith in You we might depart this life in peace. Grant that we may ever share this gift; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15 ESV*

The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b*

(All responses spoken)

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: He has commanded His covenant forever.

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

People: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

People: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear Him;

People: He remembers His covenant forever.

Pastor: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

People: The works of His hands are faithful and just;

Pastor: all His precepts are trustworthy;

People: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: (spoken) His praise endures forever! 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.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE Galatians 4:1-7 *ESV*

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 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)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40 ESV*

Pastor: 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

People: (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”)

Pastor: and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord,

People: “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Pastor: 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,

Men: “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.”

Pastor: And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother,

Men: “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.”

Women: 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.

Pastor: 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: (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER REQUESTS—please pass your requests to the person nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day. Thank you!!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Child Is This” *LSB* 370

**What child is this, who laid to rest
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angles greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the king
Whom shepherds guard and angles sing**

Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king, to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise the song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The babe, the son of Mary

++ SERMON ++

Free from the Guardian

Text: Galatians 3:23–29

Theme: Through Christ, we are free of the ceremonies, civil ordinances, and condemnation of the Law of Moses, but we as Christians do not set aside God's commands but walk *in* the Law of the Lord.

Goal: That everyone listening would understand the differing ways in which the Law functions and in which it has been removed from Christians, and that they would rejoice in their Christian freedom in Christ maturely.

Outline

1. Are Christians obligated to obey the entire Law of Moses?
2. The false apostles' argument makes salvation dependent on human efforts.
3. The Law of Moses is not the way of salvation but instead *points to* the way of salvation.
4. Since Christ has come to you, you are now free from the guardian.
5. So rather than being *under* the Law (coerced and condemned), Christians walk *in* the Law (freely loving what God commands, freed from condemnation).

HYMN

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB 704 vs 1 & 3*

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

CREED *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 for the prayer of the church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God and all people according to their needs.

Wonderful Counselor, we praise and thank You for guiding us with the Word of Christ, which dwells richly in us. Bless all pastors and teachers of Your Word, that they teach and admonish Your people with all of Your wisdom so that whatever we do, in word or deed, we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. O God of our salvation,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mighty God, You created this world and everything in it through Your powerful Word and still take care of it. Continue to watch over and work through all who lead and serve our nation, state, and local communities. Lead and guide all first responders and members of the military as they carry out their duties to protect and serve. O God of our salvation,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Everlasting Father, You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We ask for Your encouragement, healing, and care for all who are struggling with their health, . . . Heal the broken hearts of those who grieve the loss of those close to them. O God of our salvation,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Prince of Peace, we praise and thank You for the peace we have in You. Empower us and all of your missionary people to embrace the opportunities You give us to share the gift of Your redemption. O God of our salvation,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 783 is sung)

OFFERING

HYMN

“Take My Life and Let It Be” *LSB 783 vs 1-4*

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy Love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee**

**Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

(Please stand)

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for our Prince of Peace who prepares us for heaven through His perfect life, death, and resurrection. We praise and thank You for the revelation You gave Simeon as he held the Christ Child in his arms and for Anna, who shared the news of His birth that has reached our ears as well. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, our newborn King, for You have prepared us for heaven and given us peace with God through Your birth, life, death, and resurrection. In the beginning, all of creation was created through You, and in the fullness of time You were born of Mary and presented in the temple to Simeon.

As we gather here in Your name, we seek the peace and promise of Your forgiveness that You offer freely in this Meal of Your body and blood given and shed for us. Graciously receive our prayers; lead and guide us to walk according to Your will and Your ways. To You alone, O Jesus, be all glory, honor, and worship, as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **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: (spoken) **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

“Angels We Have Heard on High” *LSB* 368

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains**

Glo----ria

In excelsis Deo

Glo----ria

In excelsis Deo

**Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song**

Glo----ria

In excelsis Deo

Glo----ria

In excelsis Deo

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King**

Glo----ria

In excelsis Deo

Glo----ria

In excelsis Deo

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) 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**

BENEDICTION *Luke 2:29–32*

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you all. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—abide with you, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **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**

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God!**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study

Back January 4th.

Studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Church Undecorating

January 8th - Following Service.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please Check your mailboxes!!

Next year's Envelopes, Newsletter, Portals of Prayer for
January & Christmas Cards/letters

Office Hours

Back to Regular Hours

Looking for a Prayer Chain Leader

Please talk with Pastor or an Elder

Christmas Bazaar Tables

Thank you to everyone who donated. The money will go towards batting for the quilts & LWLM

BINGO!

January 11th & 25th

Quilting

January 12th & 26th

Attendance

Saturday December 24th 7:00pm 24

Sunday December 25th 9:30 am 25

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Office at 313-565-9445. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Shawn Stamp – January 1st

Cathy Tavarez – January 1st

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home
Dorothy MacTavish, at home
Camell Faulk, at home
Phyllis Witte, at home
Melvin Kimbrough, at home
Lynn Mayfield, at home
Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

The family of Shirley Ripke, who was called to glory
Percival Reynolds, newborn, healthy baby, mother
 Mckayla Reynolds, friends of Glenn Cairns.
 Prayers of thanksgiving!

Diane McPhee, friend of Pam Benford, ill

Nancy Dajos, ill

Maxine & Richard, Thanksgiving for the birth of
 Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey

Dave & Sis Hamilton, at home

Phyllis Witte, underwent two surgeries for injuries sustained
 in a incidents in home and hospital

Phyllis Dasher, scheduled for surgery this week on Thursday

The Trout Haney Families, in their preparations for two
 weddings in 2024 in all their decision making

