



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.  
*Luke 2:26*

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**First Sunday of Christmas**  
Dec. 26, 2021



### **UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES**

Jan. 2, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Jan. 6, 2022 – Feast of the Epiphany @ 12:30 pm

Jan 9, 2022 – Baptism of Our Lord

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Judi Reeder

Crucifer –

Acolyte –

Lector – Crystal Lepley

Ushers – Jack McCarthy

Bob Thomas

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Kathy Miller

Sound Technician – Terry Miller

Offering Counters – Fred Lepley

John Null

**Dec. 19, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE – 67**

### **“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”**

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

***Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.***

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *The Coventry Carol with Away In a Manger* arr. Cindy Berry

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our Sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**C: Amen**

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled."  
 Late in time be-hold him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!  
 Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

## Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

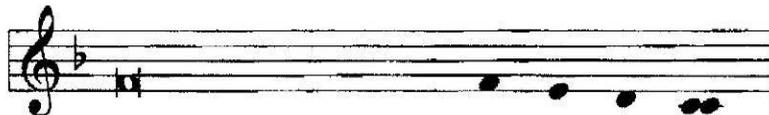
## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**First Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“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.” <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, <sup>11</sup>“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, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.’”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

**Psalm 111**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright and among the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> **The works of the Lord are great,  
sought out by all who have pleasure in them.**
- <sup>3</sup> His work is worthy to be praised and held in honor,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> **He has made his marvelous works to be had in remembrance;  
The Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear him;  
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> **He has shown his people the power of his works,  
that he may give them the heritage of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are true.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast for ever and ever  
and are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for ever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
a good understanding have all those who live accordingly;  
his praise endures for ever.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Colossians.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, {Joseph and Mary} brought {Jesus} up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." <sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

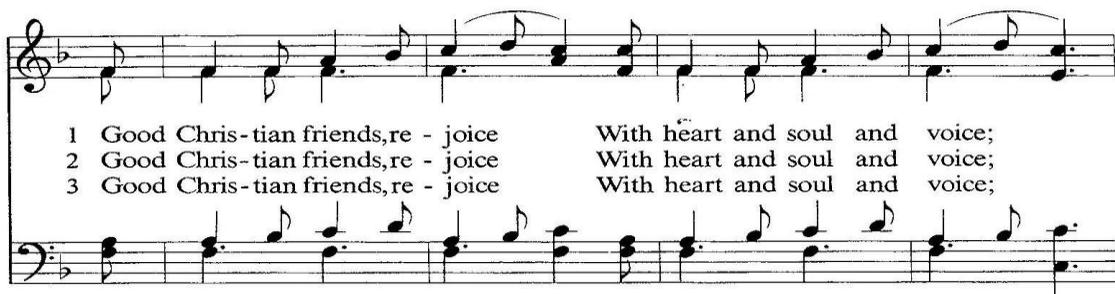
## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands (if able).*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

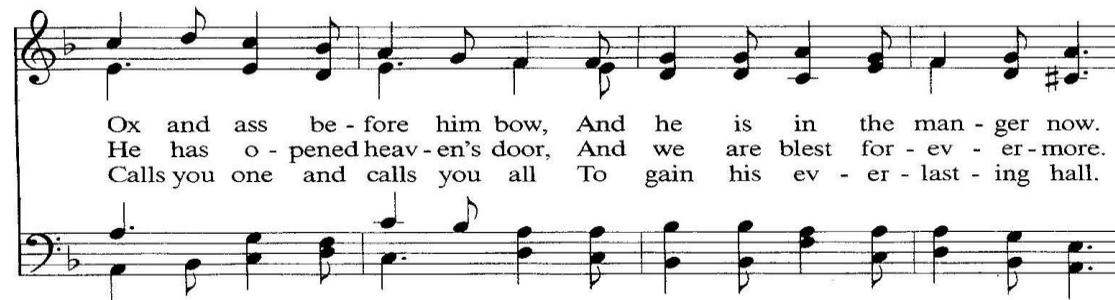
## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say:      Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
Now ye hear of end - less bliss:      Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
Now ye need not fear the grave;      Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore him bow,      And he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door,      And we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all      To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day!      Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this!      Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save!      Christ was born to save!

*Text: medieval Latin carol; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Tune: German carol, 14th cent.*

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## NICENE CREED

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin  
Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all  
people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,                   **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **C: Amen**

# SHARING OF THE PEACE – Stand in place and greet at a distance

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

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

## Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and  
voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -  
joic - es; Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Has blest us on our  
way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score concludes with a final cadence in the piano part.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

*[Colossians 3:1]*

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*[Psalm 136]*

P: It is truly right and salutary . . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3*



**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;**



**Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.**



**Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;**



**Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: 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."

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.*

*HOW WE COMMUNE:* When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

*If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.*

*The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.*

## BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. **C: Amen**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line includes a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The lyrics are arranged in two columns per line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across line boundaries. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth line.

**C** 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

**C: Amen**

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*[Psalm 103:1]*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**C: Amen**



## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Cindy Berry

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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

**Deb Binder**

**Clair Crist**

**Donna Hildebeitel**

**Pauline Houck**

**Elizabeth Larsen**

**Sonya LaGamba**

**Earl and Janet Harry**

**Pr. Robert Kitchen**

Additional prayers

**Pastor Luke** – ongoing medical issues

**Bertha Horst** – ongoing medical issues

**Teresa Mengel** – seizures

**Denny Raup** – on feeding tube

**Gail Cuff** – back surgery

**family of the Rev. Barry S. Kendall** –  
mourning his death

**Michael Riggi** – recovering from back  
surgery

**Anthony Riggi** – difficult family situation

**Pastor Jerry Kramer** – covid

**Pr. Richard Blue and family** – virus

**Walt Hebda** – recovering from finger  
surgery

**Faith Wenger** – LCBC student, recovering  
from accident

**Joan Kutz** – in hospital for tests

**Additional names during today's worship:** To include a person for prayer not yet on the list above during today's worship please "*print*" that person's name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

**Become a Prayer Chain participant:** Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills ([jmills.email@comcast.net](mailto:jmills.email@comcast.net)) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

**Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin:** Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

## AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website ([www.reformation-nalc.org](http://www.reformation-nalc.org)) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) **AND** [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto:pastor@reformation-nalc.org) or you can call Rosemary Keller Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



## STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippet, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

## HASHING OUT THE SERMON AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

All are invited to meet with Pr. Mark from 10:45 – 11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings.



## COFFEE TIME



Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School started on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 – 11:30 am. We will have two groups.

Children toddlers-kindergarten age will meet in nursery room for Parents and Me class led by Melissa Cuff. We will have playtime while the adults have fellowship. Followed by a Bible story and age appropriate activity.



Older group will meet in the library upstairs. This will be led by Judi Reeder and Crystal Lepley.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to help/teach once or twice a month. Lessons will be prepared for volunteers in advance.

Any questions please see Melissa, Judi or Crystal.

## 2022 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!



The 2022 giving envelopes have arrived and have been placed in your mailboxes in the back hallway at church.

## DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Financial Update** - November financial report was positive. Offering exceeded monthly expenses by \$1,057.80
2. **Advertising RLC** - Communications Committee is placing an AD in the Merchandizer, Penn Manor Advertiser, and Lancaster Newspaper advertising our Christmas Eve service. In the Lancaster Newspaper you can find it in the Faith and Value section on December 18th.
3. **Exciting Service Opportunity**- Deacon Arica Demme and her husband Isaac visited Reformation a little over a month ago and approached Pastor Mark about the possibility of offering her services to support our ministries at Reformation. Arica is a Deacon in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Pastor Mark has been in contact with her Bishop and Council has been discussing how to best use her abilities at Reformation. A letter with more details on this exciting partnership will be shared with the congregation in the next few weeks.
4. **Social Ministry Update** - A speaker from Align Ministries will be speaking at coffee time on Sunday January 30th. We will be having a "baby shower" for items needed for their ministry. As soon as we have a list of items needed, Social Ministry committee will inform the congregation. We expect to have a list of requested items printed in the church bulletin in January.
5. **Life to Life discipleship**- Pastor Mark wants to increase the number of Life-to-Life participants and is looking for current participants that are willing to share a brief testimonial. He is also working on a draft of a letter that will be sent to the congregation describing what life to life discipleship is and how we have embraced it at Reformation.

Next Council Meeting Saturday January 8, 2022 from 9-10am at RLC

## REFORMATION CELEBRATIONS

### January Birthdays

Clair Crist	Jan. 3
Terry Miller	Jan. 3
Jack McCarthy	Jan. 4
Judy Mills	Jan. 5
Ray Kneisley	Jan. 8
Pat Seigford	Jan. 11
Bill Bennett	Jan. 13
John Tippet	Jan. 14
Sarah Winkleman	Jan. 18
Scott Cuff	Jan. 26
Ryan Kline	Jan. 26
Bill Seigford	Jan. 27



### January Anniversary

Deb Binder Jan. 21

## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

### Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

### Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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