

Welcome to



2023 Dec 31 First Sunday after Christmas

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together.*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday -10:30am Bible Study –1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd.

7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

7:00pm – Men's Group – 169 Buxton Dr.

Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– 19 George St.

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

This week will start our new bible study topic on Wednesday morning and/or Thursday evening. We will look at How to Study the Bible, using a study of the book of Galatians as our “test case” It should be an interesting study for newcomers to studying the Bible as well as those who have studied it for years. Please plan to make it a New Year’s intention to improve your walk with Christ.

Next week we will collect our Christmas offering for the Society of Saint Andrews. Please make your checks out to the Well Church and put SOSA on the memo line.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 111.1-10

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

*Hymn # 199 “O Come, All You Faithful”

First Lesson – Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3

Call to Prayer # 201 “Emmanuel” 2x

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Galatians 4.4-7

Offertory (Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology – #668

*Gospel – Luke 2.22-40 “Praise be to thee, O Christ”

Sermon – “Wait till the End...”

*The Apostles' Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*Hymn - #635 “Another Year is Dawning”

*Benediction with Choral Response

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Chris Griffin, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Bea Gardner, Lora Drinkard, Marion Mantz, Mamie Wetzel & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,

The people of Turkey and Syria

The situation and people in Israel

Family of Dr. Paauw, a colleague of Jen's, on the loss of his mother

Sander Stults, suffered a stroke

Gail Everett, recovering from surgery.

Ruth and Glen Harvey

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter's brother-in-law, great improvement from surgery

Jenifer Mahanes

Jay Marks, looking for a job.

Jerri Doss

Elizabeth Woolwine, breast cancer

Chad Reeves, young man who had a heart attack.

Shawn Butler, cancer

April Stephens' mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer

Abigail Englund

David Baker, cousin of Judy Kinzer, needs a kidney.

Anise Maddox, mom of a friend of Web's, with cancer

Yvette Clark's great grandson, Camden

Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich's

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Jan Grey

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn's grandson

Laura Cash, friend of Web's

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha's

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes