

We are glad you are worshiping with us.

Please complete and tear off this card to share your contact information, update your contact information, or make a prayer request.

Simply place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor.

My Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My Prayer Request

Please pray for

who lives at

AREA(S) OF NEED

- Spiritual Life
- Relationships
- Physical Health
- Finances
- Emotional Health
- Vocation

Please keep my request confidential and do not add it to the prayer list.

Please add me to your email list for prayer requests and other church announcements.

December 25, 2022

Psalter..... Psalm 150

- 1 Praise God within His holy place,
There in His mighty heav'nly space!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 O praise Him for His mighty deeds;
Praise Him for greatness He exceeds!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Praise Him with dance and tambourine!
- 3 Praise Him with woodwind, brass and string!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 Praise with the cymbal's crashing sound!
- 6 All living things make praise abound!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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The Blessing

Service for the Lord's Day

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Call to Worship Isaiah 9:6-7ESV

For to us a Child is born,

to us a Son is given;

and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of His government and of peace
there will be no end,

**on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it**

with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

A Season of Praise

Joy to the World (Hymn 195)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King:
He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity,
In our longing, in our darkness Now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, Who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; In Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes.
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Invitation to Confession of Sin

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you sent a star
to guide wise men to the child Jesus.
We confess that we have not followed the light of your word.
We have not searched for signs of your love in our lives,
or trusted your good news to be good.
We have broken your law
and failed to remember your love.
We have expected little,
and hoped for less.
Forgive our doubt,
heal our disobedience,
and renew in us holy desires,
that we may watch and wait
and once more hear the glad story of our Savior,
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

The angel told the shepherds, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

—based on Luke 2:10-11 ESV

Scripture ReadingHebrews 2:10-18

Sermon*Unwrapping Christmas*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn 207*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 minister leads the prayer of Thanksgiving. The people join in the prayer as follows:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The minister continues the prayer. The people respond:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Breaking of Bread & Communion of the People

Ministry in Song*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
Darlene Quinn, Soloist

The Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Psalm Notes

Psalm 150 is the grand concluding doxology of the Psalter. The last five psalms (146-150) are psalms of praise and adoration. Each one opens and closes with the call to praise the Lord.

Psalm 146 emphasizes the sufficiency of God's provision and the blessedness of those who place their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 147 leads us to praise God for His works of providence and His sovereignty over the whole earth.

Psalm 148 calls upon every level of creation—from highest heaven to lowest earth—to praise the Lord.

Psalm 149 leads the church in exuberant praise.

Psalm 150 calls for the praise of God by every being in every way—with instruments and especially with the voice. Through this psalm, the church is called upon to praise her God, worshipping in spirit and in truth. "Everything that has breath" is invited to praise the Lord. The triune God deserves our heartfelt praise.

These psalms shows us the *purpose* of the Psalter in general—to guide and help us in our praise. These psalms provide the *content* of our praise. We would be foolish to think we could ever do better than the psalms for our praise. It is by looking steadfastly into them and the continual practice of them that we will improve our praise.

How to Become a Member

Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is fulfilled in Christians who commit themselves to Christ and to one another in covenant relationship. Through **church membership** we acknowledge that Jesus Christ alone is the Head and Lord of the Church and we commit ourselves to do our part to build up the body of Christ for mission. Those who desire to be members are invited to fill out a **Membership Enrollment Form** and discuss membership with the pastor.

Tithes and Offerings

Tithing has been the practice of the covenant people of God since ancient times. Our giving—as an act of worship and consecration—gives expression to the love and faith of the grateful people of God. An offering plate is positioned at each entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for your faithfulness!