

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



REVELATION 14:1-5, 12-13 AND MATTHEW 11:2-11

“THE BIRTH OF JESUS”

*In the spirit of Elijah, John proclaims the word of the Lord.
What does this have to do with getting ready for Christmas?*

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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SERVICE OF THE WORD**

***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Psalm 24:1, 7, 10

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.


C: Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, O everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory! The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!

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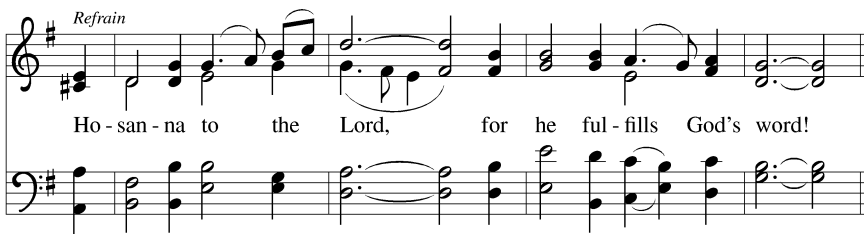
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

“We Lift the Light of Hope”

READING

Corbin Brown

On this third Sunday of Advent,
as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ,
we light the candle of joy.

When Christ comes into our lives,
He brings the fullness of joy.
He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness. (Isaiah 61:3)

When Jesus was born,
the angels said that His coming was
good news of great joy for all people. (Luke 2:10)

Because Christ has come to us,
we can live every day in the joy of the Lord.
Praise to His name!



We Lift the Light of Hope

Please sing as directed

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "We lift the light of joy O God, Your praise is our de - light. Your bless - ings flow that all ___ may know Un - bound - ed joy in ___ Christ. Your bless - ings flow that all ___ may know Un - bound - ed joy _____ in Christ. _____". The score consists of three systems of staves. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second system covers measures 5-8, and the third system covers measures 9-12. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staves. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and chords.

We lift the light of joy O God, Your praise is our de - light. Your

5
bless - ings flow that all ___ may know Un - bound - ed joy in ___ Christ. Your

10
bless - ings flow that all ___ may know Un - bound - ed joy _____ in Christ. _____

Words: Ken Bible
Music: Oliver Holden

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CORONATION
C.M.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:5-10

(In Unison)



5. Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that / there-in / is; *
who / keepeth • his / promise • for / ever.
 6. Who helpeth them to right that / suf-fer / wrong; *
who / **feed**- / eth the / hungry.
 7. The Lord looseth men / out of / prison; *
the Lord giveth / **sight** / to the / blind.
 8. The Lord helpeth / them that • are / fallen; *
the Lord / care-eth / for the / righteous.
 9. The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the / fatherless • and /
widow: *
as for the way of the ungodly he / turneth • it / up-side / down.
 10. The Lord thy God O Sion, shall be King for / ev-er- / more, *
and through- / out all / gen-er- / ations.
- Glory be to the Father and / to the / Son, *
And / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev-er / shall be; *
World without / **end** / **A**- / men.

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

REVELATION 14:1-5, 12-13

¹Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, ³and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth. ⁴It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; these follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.

¹²Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

¹³And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : + **Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:1, Luke 24:32



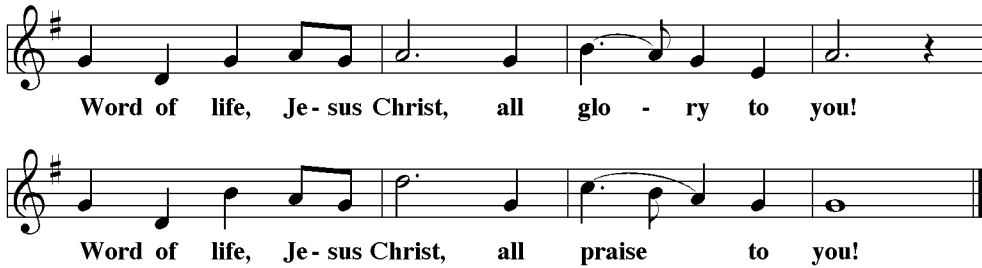
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.

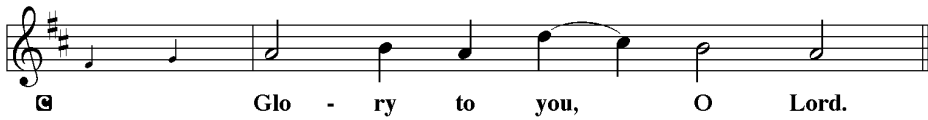


***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 11:2-11

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God’s judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus’ response indicates that God’s reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

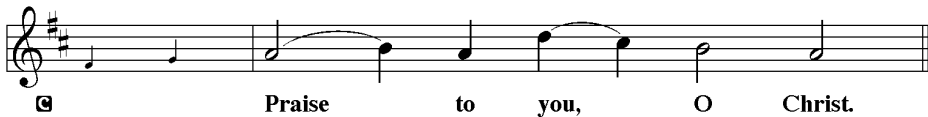
⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON SKIT

“The Birth of Jesus”

Narrator - Oliva Berghello

Mary – Isabella Mull

Joseph – Will Clark

Main Angel – Elena Hoffman

Angels – Cameron Bell, Lily Baker, Katelyn Baker, Renwick Royston

Shepherds – Wesley Baker, Corbin Brown, Hunter Clark, Luke Hoffman

Wisemen – Bram Comer, Noah Comer, Christian Mull

Star Holder – Jordan Hoffman

Registrar – Alex Berghello

Innkeeper – Bram Comer

King – Pastor Michael Comer



*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
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heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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.

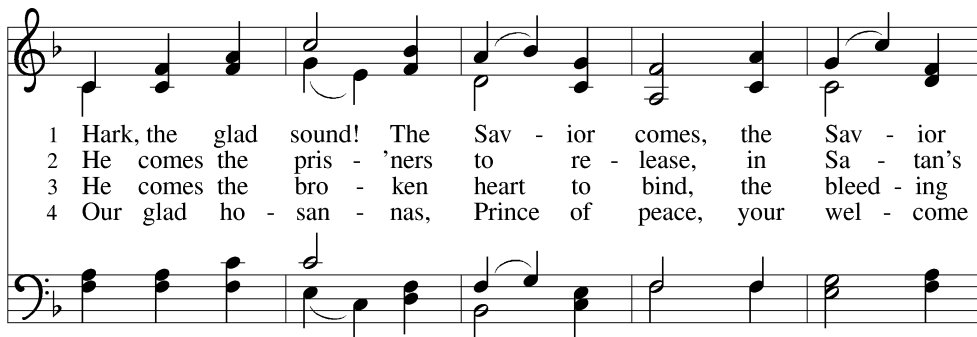
SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

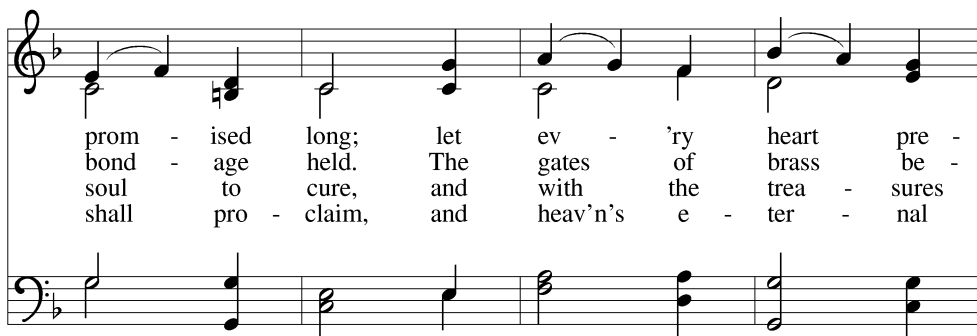
Numbers 6:24-26

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. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

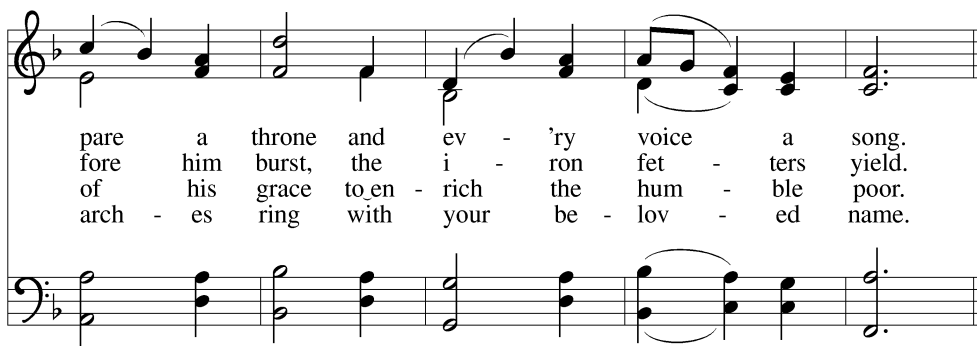
C: Amen.



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

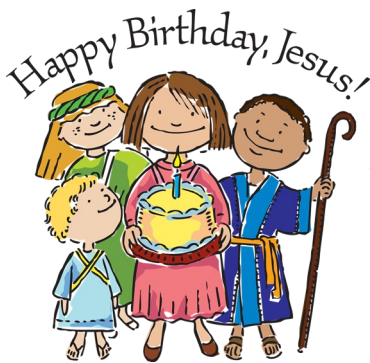
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director.....	Kathie Riebe
Organist	Lisa Burch
Acolyte	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer.....	Olivia Berghello
Lector.....	Josh Carpenter
Assistant Minister.....	Nancy Witman
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Ervin Hoffman



Join us in the Family Life Center
immediately following worship for a
“Happy Birthday, Jesus” party.
All are invited!

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

THANK YOU!: Thank you to those who assisted with coordinating the skit and managing the costumes for today's youth Christmas program: Amy Brown, Teresa Yarborough, Elyse Hoffman, and Debra Hoffman. Thank you to Kathie Riebe for providing the music.

OWLS: Our next *OWLS-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Sammy's in Dallas on **Thursday, December 15 at 11:00am**. We hope you'll join us!

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS: It's time to get your 2022 Pledges up-to-date. All donations to the church must be turned in by December 25 to be properly credited to your account for the year.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found in the Narthex. For those who regularly give online or through a financial institution, please contact Kim in the church office if you still would like your envelopes.

2023 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.

NEWSLETTER: Articles for the January newsletter are due by **December 18**.

SEEKING GOD'S VISION TOGETHER: On *Sunday, January 8 from 10:00 to 12:30 in the Family Life Center*, our Vision Team and our church consultant Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland will guide our fellowship in a visioning process to both understand our core values now and to seek God's will for the future called Lutheran Chapel Identity and Worship Café. Good food will be provided. Children activities will be offered. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Please save the date and plan to be part of this visioning process.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, **Betty Petty**, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Tucker Doyne, Craig Evanoff, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, **Pr. Charles McManus**, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Advent*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	6, 8	19, 21	33, 40	53, 62	80, 85	96, 98	122, 126
PM	17, 18	24, 25	42, 50	67, 72	93, 94	110, 111	143, 145

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 50 December 11 to December 18, 2022

12/11	Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8
12/12	Morning Reading: Revelation 3—Evening Reading: Hosea 9, 10, 11
12/13	Morning Reading: Revelation 4—Evening Reading: Hosea 12, 13, 14
12/14	Morning Reading: Revelation 5—Evening Reading: Joel
12/15	Morning Reading: Revelation 6—Evening Reading: Amos 1, 2, 3
12/16	Morning Reading: Revelation 7—Evening Reading: Amos 4, 5, 6
12/17	Morning Reading: Revelation 8—Evening Reading: Amos 7, 8, 9
12/18	Morning Reading: Revelation 9—Evening Reading: Obadiah

Songs of Praise: “Joy to the World” ELW #267
“Soon and Very Soon” W&P #128

Wednesday, December 14 ~ Holden Evening Prayer

Titus 3 *“Walking Wet”*

Thursday, December 15 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Revelation 1 and 14 *“Call to Endurance”*

Sunday, December 18 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent - Holy Communion

Revelation 20:1-3, 11-15, 21:1-8 and Matthew 1:18-25 - *“Joseph, Guardian of our Lord”*

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This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

Sun-11	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship with Youth Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Happy Birthday, Jesus Party (Family Life Center)
	11:30 am	Confirmation (Youth Room)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir
	12:45 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Mon-12	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-13	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-14	8:30 am	Preschool
	5:30 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Advent Service (Sanctuary)
Thur-15	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Story of Salvation Bible Study (Library)
	11:00 am	OWLS @ Sammy's in Dallas