

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



**REVELATION 20:1-3, 11-15 & 21:1-8 AND LUKE 2:22-40**

***“THE SONG OF SIMEON AND  
CELEBRATING THE CHRIST CHILD”***

*The spiritual exercise of commendation, the hope to see God’s plan before us,  
and the song of faith now and forever are before us as  
the Twelve Days of Christmas unfold.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

GATHER

WELCOME

*Who are you? **We are children of God (1 John 3:2).** What is our mission? **The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.***

PRELUDE

*“Communion”*

Richard Purvis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

ELW #290

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## LITANY

*Psalm 85, Luke 2*

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

P: I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

**C: a voice that speaks for peace.**

P: Peace for all people and for his friends

**C: and those who turn to him in their hearts.**

P: His help is near for those who fear him,

**C: and his glory will live in our land.**

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

## \*THE NICENE 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.*

**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**



There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A time for all that life may bring: A  
 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A  
 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You  
 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You, Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord



time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep, A  
 time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end, A  
 know our grief, You hear our sighs In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes. From  
 Je - sus Christ, with time - less grace, You have re - deemed our time - bound race; O



time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rub - ble lay, A  
 time to keep, then throw a - way, A time to speak, then noth - ing say, A  
 e - vil times, You bring great good; Be - neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood, Though  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest



time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born.  
 time for war till ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.  
 dim - ly now life's path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, Your praise we sing There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

© Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

Tune: ST. PETER'S NORWALK, Stephen R. Johnson, b. 1966

Setting: Steven F. Wentz, b. 1952

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!*

### FIRST LESSON

**ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**

*To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that God's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 148

Mark Mummert



The splen-dor of the LORD is o-ver earth and heav-en.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

Praise the Lord, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they were created,

Who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

***Refrain***

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;

***Refrain***

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,  
who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

***Refrain***

## STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

## REVELATION 20:1-3, 11-15 & 21:1-8

*The vision of the end is both terrible and beautiful. Jesus, who was, who is, and who is to come, will put all things right. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>and threw him into the pit, and locked and sealed it over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while.

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; <sup>15</sup>and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>**And I heard a loud voice**

**from the throne saying,**

**"See, the home of God is among mortals.**

**He will dwell with them;**

**they will be his peoples,**

**and God himself will be with them;**

**<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.**

**Death will be no more;**

**mourning and crying and pain will be no more,**

**for the first things have passed away."**

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

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. A memory verse for the week is in bold. Claim the gift for yourself!*

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

### **\*GOSPEL**

**LUKE 2:22-40**

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

Response after announcement:

### **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

*Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.*

<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 firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which 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 the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child

to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

*“The Song of Simeon and Celebrating the Christ Child”*

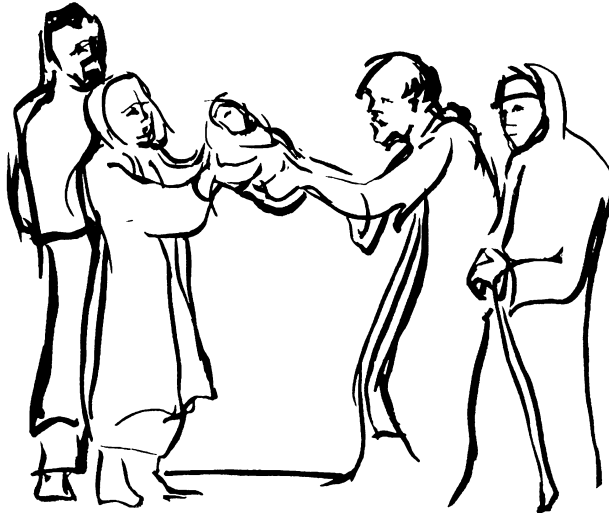
Promise at the End: All Shall Be Made New

Song of Simeon

**The Law** is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I put trust in my own powers, worldly standards and worldly powers. It really is all up to me alone, right? Wrong.

**The Gospel** is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The Name above all names, Jesus, is given for us to trust and call upon in prayer and praise, now, at the hour of our death, and beyond.

**So What?** Sing the Song of Simeon in your night prayers. Let go of worry - in Christ ultimately all shall be well.



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"I Wonder As I Wander"*



1. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how  
2. When Mar - y birthed ... Je - sus, all in a cow's stall, came  
3. If Je - sus had ... want - ed for an - y wee thing, a  
4. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how



Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry peo - ple like  
wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all, and high from the heav - ens a  
star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's an - gels in  
Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry peo - ple like



you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.  
star's light did fall; the prom - ise of the a - ges it then did re - call.  
heav'n for to sing, he sure - ly could have had it, 'cause he was the king.  
you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.

Words and Music: Appalachian Carol  
Adapt. by John Jacob Niles

**PRAYER**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAPEL RINGERS**

*"Jubilate! Bells are Ringing"*

Ellen Foncannon

Hark! The vesper hymn is stealing o'er the waters soft and clear.

Nearer yet and nearer pealing, soft it breaks upon the ear.

Jubilate! Amen. Farther now and farther stealing, soft it fades upon the ear.

Now like moonlight waves retreating to the shore it dies along.

Now like angry surges meeting breaks the mingled tide of song.

Jubilate! Amen. Hark, again like waves retreating to the short it rings along.

Once again sweet voices ringing louder still the music swells.

While on Christmas carols winging comes the chime of vesper bells.

Jubilate! Amen! On the Christmas carols winging rings the chime of vesper bells.

The first Noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Jubilate! Amen! Born is the King of Israel.

**\*OFFERTORY**

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

*Psalm 51*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(In Unison)*

**C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*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, born in Bethlehem to save us.

**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.**

## NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

*"This is the Feast"*

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## SENDING

### \*BENEDICTION

*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 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.



*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4  
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“God Will Take Care of You”

W. S. Martin / arr. P. Keveren

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**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....People of Lutheran Chapel  
Pastor.....Michael Comer  
Administrative Assistant..... Kim Rundzieher  
Director of Music.....Kathie Riebe  
Assistant to the Director of Music Ministries.....Juan Vizcarra  
Assistant Minister ..... Sylvia Fogle  
Lector .....Jenny Williamson  
Acolyte..... Bryson Lineberger  
Crucifer .....Lillian Robinson  
Head Ushers ..... Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman  
First Aid/AED/CPR..... Ervin Hoffman  
Council Members of the Month..... Steve Ritchie & Nancy Witman





## 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.

**RESTROOMS:** Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2024 offering envelopes for members of the church are now available and can be found on the table next to the stairs leading up to the balcony. 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.

**2024 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR:** If you'd like to donate altar flowers in 2024 the following Sundays are still available: April 7 & 14, July 7, September 29, and October 20. Please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 to sign up.

**2024 CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY:** *All are invited to take up the Story of Salvation Bible Study as gift and discipline in 2024.* This will cover major biblical stories from Genesis to Revelation using traditional Lutheran Bible study tools such as the plain sense of Scripture, Law and Gospel, meditation, etc. In-person studies will be on Sundays at 9AM in Sunday School beginning January 7, Thursdays at 11AM beginning January 11, on-line at [lutheranchapelchurch.org](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org) in the Daily Prayer section, and as printed copies in the prayer racks located in the narthex and educational building. Claim the gift of God's Word for yourself.

**ESTHER CIRCLE:** Esther Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, January 8 at 10am.**

**REBECCA CIRCLE:** Rebecca Circle will gather for dinner at **Hickory Tavern** on **Monday, January 8 at 6pm.**

## DAILY PRAYER

**A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

### FEAST OF PSALMS: *Christmas*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>AM</b>	2, 8	29, 34	65, 72	93, 96	99, 100	111, 114	132, 146
<b>PM</b>	9, 19	40, 45	89, 90	97, 98	103, 110	116, 121	147, 148

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 1 December 31 to January 7, 2024

- 12/31** Morning Reading: Revelation 22—Evening Reading: Malachi  
**01/01** Morning Reading: Matthew 1—Evening Reading: Genesis 1, 2, 3  
**01/02** Morning Reading: Matthew 2—Evening Reading: Genesis 4, 5, 6  
**01/03** Morning Reading: Matthew 3—Evening Reading: Genesis 7, 8, 9  
**01/04** Morning Reading: Matthew 4—Evening Reading: Genesis 10, 11, 12  
**01/05** Morning Reading: Matthew 5:1-26—Evening Reading: Genesis 13, 14, 15  
**01/06** Morning Reading: Matthew 5:27-48—Evening Reading: Genesis 16, 17  
**01/07** Morning Reading: Matthew 6:1-18—Evening Reading: Genesis 18, 19

**Morning:** “*Song of Zechariah*” (Luke 1:68-79)      **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (Luke 1:46-55)

**Traditional Song:** “*Away in a Manger*”      ELW #277

**Sing a New Song:** “*King of Kings*”      W&P #80

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Steve Bell, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Steve Clark, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Carlton Peacock, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Pastor Charles McManus, Scott Moose, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, and Charlene Sorenson

*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).*

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



**Wednesday, January 3 ~ NO Evening Service**

**Thursday, January 4 ~ NO Bible Study**

**Sunday, January 7 ~ Holy Communion ~ Epiphany Sunday**

Genesis 1:1-2:3 and Matthew 2:1-12 “*Beginnings*”

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024**

- Sun-31**    8:30 am    Fellowship  
              9:00 am    Bible Study/Sunday School  
              10:00 am    Worship  
              11:00 am    Chancel Choir  
              8:00 pm    Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-01**    *Happy New Year!*
- Tues-02**    10:00 am    Clothing Closet Workday  
              7:00 pm    Men’s Comm. Bible Study (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
- Wed-03**    5:30 pm    Chapel Ringers
- Fri-05**    9:00 am    Men’s Comm. Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
              **3:30 pm    Set-up for Chancel Choir Luncheon (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)**
- Sat-06**    9:30 am    Hungry Peeps Support Group (Chapel)  
              **12:00 pm    Chancel Choir Luncheon (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)**