

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2024 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATHWAY:
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families,
Serving our Communities.**

***GREETING**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Brass Quintet
"Lift Up Your Heads" Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Dorinda Cassiday

ONE: Christ coming into our lives is something we
can celebrate all year long!

**ALL: What a joyful thing to know that we are
cared for, protected, supported and
loved by our God today and always.**

***HYMN** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2.

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

LITURGICAL DANCERS

"Joy to the World"
Maren Bosstic, Maizen Hochstetler, Grace Stout
and Caroline Taylor

OFFERING TO GOD

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Jim Ault

ONE: Let us give thanks for all of God's
blessings: O God, you have been
gracious to us through all the years of
our lives.

**ALL: We thank you for your loving care,
which has brought us to this time
and place of praise.**

ONE: You have given us life and reason.

**ALL: You have comforted and nurtured
us with family and friends.**

ONE: You have filled our hearts with a hunger
for you, and have given us your peace.

**ALL: You have redeemed us, given us a
place in your Church.**

ONE: You have been our light in darkness and a
rock of strength in adversity.

**ALL: You have been the very Spirit of joy
and our reward.**

ONE: You remembered us when we forgot you.

**ALL: You met us with forgiveness and
overflowing grace when we returned
to you. Praise be to God!**

OFFERTORY Brass Quintet

"Es Ist Ein Ros Entsprungen" Brahms

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; Praise him above,
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Jim Ault

ANTHEM "Alleluia" Mozart Brass Quintet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dorinda Cassiday

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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.
Amen.**

***HYMN** "There's a Song in the Air" #249

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night
from the heavenly throng.

Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

***GOSPEL** Dorinda Cassiday

Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the
Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years
old, they went up to the festival, according to the
custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his
parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed
behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.
⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on
for a day. Then they began looking for him among
their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find
him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.
⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple
courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them
and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard
him was amazed at his understanding and his
answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were
astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have
you treated us like this? Your father and I have been
anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you
searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had
to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not
understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he
went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient
to them. But his mother treasured all these things in
her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and man.

This is God's Word for God's people today.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Lost and Found Rev. Boruff

COVENANT PRAYER (unison)

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom
thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for
thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all
things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."**
(John Wesley)

HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith

and be closer drawn to thee.
Refrain:
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING Brass Quintet
"Hallelujah Chorus" Handel

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU
for assisting in worship!
Worship Leaders: Jim Ault & Dorinda Cassiday
Sound Tech: Richard Cassiday; Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs &
ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFE:** 95 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: LAST SUNDAY** to have your photo taken as an individual, couple or family. If this is your church, you belong in the directory!
- **SNOWBALLS OF HOPE: Next Sunday!** Bring new gloves, hats and socks to roll into "balls" and "deliver" them to Pastor Corinne and Ally at a designated time in the worship service on Jan. 5. Donations benefit our community in need.
- **RECOGNITION OF RETIRING STAFF: Next Sunday!** Peg Peter and Kathy Kean will be recognized for their many years of service to this congregation and community. Let's say "Thanks!" on Jan. 5.
- **WELCOME NEW STAFF:** Judy Whitney will begin as the new full-time Office Manager on Dec. 30 and will be recognized in worship on Jan. 12. Stop by and make her feel welcome!

BRASS QUINTET MEMBERS—THANK YOU!
Mark Murray, Chris Taylor - Trumpet
Sarah Taylor - Trombone
Erin Stout - Horn
Cordell Zehr - Tuba

Weekly Schedule

Sun 12/29

9:30 am	Directory Photos	Wesley Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown

Mon 12/30

5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown

Tues 12/31

Wed 1/1/2025 Church Office closed all day — HAPPY NEW YEAR!

3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
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Thurs 1/2

Fri 1/3

12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
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Sat 1/4

10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
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Sun 1/5

9:30 am	Photo Directory	Wesley Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown

We give thanks for today's:
Ushers: Keith and Beth McFall, Juanita Slattery
Fellowship Time: Kathy Kean



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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation