1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM December 29th, 2024

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Psalm 148:1-4

PRELUDE Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The joy of Christmas lingers, for the Savior has come, and God's promises are fulfilled.

P: This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation!

L: In Christ, God has brought comfort, redemption, and hope to His people.

P: With hearts full of praise, we lift our voices to the God of our salvation!

L: Come, let us worship the Lord, who has done great things and is worthy of all our praise!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 251
"Good Christian Men Rejoice" No. 273

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, We confess that though we celebrate Your salvation, we often fail to trust in Your perfect timing and live in Your light. We hold on to fear, doubt, and selfishness, rather than rejoicing in the gift of Christ. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts, that we may truly rejoice and be glad in You, living as Your faithful people. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Behold the Lamb"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE: "

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 25:9

ANTHEM

"Mary's Little Boy Child"

Solo By: Debbe Picerno

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-33

SERMON

"Salvation has Arrived"

Michael Barton, CLP

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

No. 267

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Molly, Sadie, & Cora

Welcome Desk:

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Cora Murtha

Fellowship Hour: Sarah Tarr

Childcare:

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday: 10 AM Worship

11 AM Sunday School

Wednesday: Happy New Year!

Friday: 12-5 PM Blood Drive @ Meridian Firehall

FISHBONE DINNER- For those of you serving the Fishbone Dinner this evening, we will be meeting at 4:45 at the church.

DEACON RETREAT- Will be Sunday, January 5th from 11 AM-2 PM in Room #15.

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR- We will be hosting an informal gathering for those who need encouragement facing a future of unexpected challenges. Scripture instructs us to care for and support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Whatever part of the journey you are on, we invite you to attend for a time of sharing, memories, prayers, and friendship. Saturday, Jan. 4th at 10 AM in Room #15.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Laura will be starting a new Women's Bible Study on James beginning Jan 9th at 6 PM and Jan 10th at 10 AM. There is a signup sheet in the Library, please see Laura for more details.

CLUB 35- Will be going bowling at Family Bowlaway on Sunday, Jan 12th from 1-2 PM. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura to sign up.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS- We are looking for people to volunteer as liturgist, greeters, fellowship hour hosts, nursery help, and Sunday School teachers. A big thank you to those that are always volunteering, you are a blessing to our church!

CHRISTMAS CARDS- Reminder to please pickup your Christmas Cards in the quilts today.

BLOOD DRIVE- We will host our next blood drive on Friday, January 3rd from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. You can signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

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