

Christmas Day 2022

Welcome

Prelude

Christmas Medley
Lynetta Johnson, handbells

arr. C Anderson

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to share good news and tidings of great joy!

People: **Today, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior has been born!**

Leader: He is Christ the Lord!

People: **With the angels, let us sing our praises. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to all on whom God's favor rests!**

Congregational Hymn Sing

Prayer of Confession

God, you make all things new. You hold out a new year for us. Yet we often squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, and letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams; we succumb to old weaknesses. You offer us hope; we choose the comfortable. God, we have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry this joy forward. May the new year be fulfilled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged. In Jesus' name...

Silent prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the name of the babe of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, we are
now made new and whole.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

Morning Prayer

First Reading

Luke 2:8-10

Reflection

Russ Pearson

Second Reading

Matthew 6: 19-21

Reflection

Mike Shelton

Offertory

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”
Lynetta Johnson, handbells/chimes

arr. P. Liebergen

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we thank you for this season of carols and gifts, and for your most precious gift of Jesus. We offer you our lives and these gifts. May love and justice blossom from all of our gifts. Amen.

*Hymn No. 144

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Benediction

Sending Duet

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone

arr. P. Simms

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Russ Pearson
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Jenella Oliver and Gray Stothart
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by Anna Gamble and Family
in loving memory of Bill Gamble.

Five Cents-a-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. You may place it in the basket by the door as you leave Worship today or you may contribute online. One-fourth of this offering will go to **Second Harvest Food Bank**.

Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Precia Keel; Alan, Ashley, Mac and Emeline Hobbs; Lesley Jones; Jerry Holmes; Fred Martin and Diana Johnson-Martin; Michael Holt; Lynetta Johnson; Lew Huettel; and Susan Jackson

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

New Year's Day Combined Service ~ January 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Holiday Closings

The church office will be closed on **Monday, December 26** and **Monday, January 2**. The Clothes Closet will be closed on **Tuesday, December 27** and **Tuesday, January 3**.

Offering Envelopes

If you ordered 2023 offering envelopes, they are ready to be picked up. They are in the foyer. If you did not order envelopes and would still like some, please let Bev know. Thanks.

Birthdays This Week

December 26: Rudy Greear
December 27: Carolyn Collins
December 28: Dion Thomidis
December 29: Mary Easley, Grace Plemmons
December 30: Natalie Robertson
December 31: Arlene Kuhfuss, Kim Plemmons, Anson Hagan, Charlie Lively
January 1: Parker Wilkins

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