

Merry
CHRISTMAS
& *Happy*
NEW YEAR

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Order of Worship

Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

December 29, 2024 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Mary McDonald
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 128

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

People: You will eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Leader: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

People: Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

Leader: The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

People: May you see your children's children. Peace upon Israel!

*HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" #286

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Waldis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word of God

*HYMN "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" #255

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:17-21 p. 247 (OT)
Luke 2:39-52 p. 59 (NT)
Elizabeth Dahlberg-Lee, liturgist

SERMON "Growing Up" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "How Great Our Joy!" #269

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Mark Kellner
Amy Duran, piano

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

WE ARE SADDENED by the passing of our dear friend, Wini Kinkele, on Tuesday, December 24. The immediate arrangements are private with a memorial service being planned in the spring. Please keep Wini's nieces and sisters-in-law in your prayers.

UNITY PRAYER: God, we pray that as we graciously enter the new year after celebrating the birth of Christ, may more people come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

THE 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. Sign up to donate flowers for worship to memorialize a loved one or celebrate an occasion. The cost is \$25 per bouquet; make your checks payable to Guild for Christian Service; fill out a dedication slip; place it on Lori's desk in the church office. Please--no more than 2 bouquets per Sunday.

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