



Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

December 5, 2021

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

Zechariah never made it all the way to the manger, but after baby John was born, after he wrote the name down and made it official, after his experience of the here-and-now promise of God, from where he stood, he started to sing. He sang of the promise of a God who makes a difference. --David A. Davis

Focus Scripture

Malachi 3:1-4

Prelude

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregation: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell. We wait in hope for peace once again. Return to us the joy of Bethlehem. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel.

Anthem

Light of Peace

Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Come, let us listen to God.

Yes, but...

No, let us truly listen to God.

Yes! We shall listen as Zechariah listened!

*Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 626

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

God of Conversions, take us to the silent places where we can encounter you. Make us slow to criticize and quick to reconcile; slow to skepticism and swift to listen. Bless our soul-searching preparation with your Light that we might turn toward you son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 1:5-25

Kid's Time

Message

Transformation of Zechariah

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

I Wonder As I Wander

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we bring our gifts and our lives to you today. Guide and lead us so these gifts might be used to transform our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Hymn

There's Something About That Name

No. 171

Announcements

Benediction

Your mouths have been opened! Leave here praising God!

We shall praise God in all that we do. Amen!

Postlude

How Great Our Joy!

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Organist: Gloria Cardoni

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



Our Staff:

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Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live
10:45a in person

If you are visiting we welcome and invite you to Fellowship coffee and conversation at Café 2020. Ask about any of the events named in this bulletin. You will be welcomed!

Individual wireless receivers and children's activity bags are available from the ushers.
Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents of babies.

Chancel Flowers The flowers are given by Matt and Kelly Crawford in memory of their fathers--Greg Crawford and Pete Parish.

Food Pantry Needs: Please pick up a copy of the Reverse Advent Calendar, or look for it on the website and social media for items needed. A copy can also be mailed to you. Thank you for your continued support.

On Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm we will have a ***Longest Night Service*** (also called a Blue Christmas Service). This service begins by gathering in honesty about grief, hearing the consolation found in God's presence and love, and departing with the joy that comes from memory and a sense of shared peace. All are invited to attend.

Our **Christmas Eve Services** will be at 4 pm and 7 pm with the Children's Choir singing at the 4 pm service.

Calendar

Today

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and
 radio
9:45 am All Sunday School classes!
10:45 am Worship, in-person
5:00 pm Combined youth group with a
fellowship meal!

Monday, December 6

4:00 pm T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds
 Sensibly)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 7

8:15 am Just Walking
7 pm Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday, December 8

1:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Bell Rehearsal
8:00 pm New Day Rehearsal

Thursday, December 9

8:15 am Just Walking

Sunday, December 12

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and
 radio
9:45 am All Sunday School classes!
10:45 am Worship, in-person
**4:00 pm Sounds of Christmas followed
 by a meal of Tri-M BBQ!**