

1st Sunday after Christmas January 1, 2023 9:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds.

All: Let us go find the Savior!

One: Let us go with the wise ones.

All: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

One: Let us go with the poor and humble.

All: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

One: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.
Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him.

All: Christ the Lord!

*Opening Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH 234, v 1-3

*Opening Prayer

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world so that we, like him, may be beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:10-18

*Hymn "What Child is This?" UMH 219

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon Overcoming the One Who Controls Death Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

Response to the Word UMH 7

Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246

*Blessing and Benediction

*Recessional Hymn

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We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers

Tammy Baskaran, Bruce Beckman, Carol Blood, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Dave Calloway, Family of Diane Cross, Csanady Family, Steve Dawson, Carolyn and Jim Deverin, Family of Bill Dietz, Jessica Favret, Pat Finley, Baby Graham Geschke, Lynn Gibbons, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Diane Hild, Paul and Judy Hoffman, Savannah Hosmer, Ellie Hunter, family of Dean Jestes, Family of Doug Kennedy, Family of Billy Knight, Kurek family, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Henry Meyers, Family of Cecile Michon, family of Kirk Miller, Brian Morton, **Eric Pagel**, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Family of Bob Quisenberry,

Scott Robert, Family of Ed Scott, Pat Sievers, Jill Spicher, Sharon Truedel, Family of James Turnbull, Kim Welkner's mother, Jamie Whitehead, family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt

Long-term prayer concerns: Karyn Brandel, Coolidge Family, Cunningham Family, Jerry Fowler, Karen Goles, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Mary Jo Ridgely, Michael Smith, Dustin Summers, Harding Wescott, Ryan Whitehead and his family, Tony Zile

Thank you to our Greeters and Ushers –

Thank you to our Liturgist – Lynn Gibbons