

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas      December 31, 2023      10:00 AM



Gathering

Welcome

Procession

Prelude      Lois Hunter

\*Call to Worship

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

**All: Let us go to 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

\*Opening Prayer

**Be near us Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay close by us forever and love us, we pray. Immanuel, we invite you to draw near and dwell with us. Surround us with your tender, caring presence, that what we say and do in worship might prepare us to live forever with you in heaven. In your powerful name we pray. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading      Isaiah 61:10-62:3

\*Hymn

Scripture Reading      Luke 2:22-40

Sermon      *A Very Special Child*      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

\*Blessing and Benediction

\*Recessional

Postlude      Lois Hunter

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**We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers:**

**Aaron's Aunt Eileen**, Family of Kitty Alley, Joan Alsever, Family of Maryann Ayd, Family of Paulette Ayd, Miriam Baker, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Frannie Beckman, Family of Dale Bennett, Family of Sherry Billings, Rob Brandt, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Libby Bowerman, Amanda Buckley, Roy Callahan, Carolyn's daughter Debbie, JoAnn Cook, Family of Chris Davis, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, Anna Doynov, Susan Getty, **Grace Graham**, Shannon and Jon Grant, Tim Eichhorn, Family of Paula Farina, Pat Finley, Taliyah Fitzgerald, Family of Baby Graham Geschke, Lynn Gibbons, Family of Karen Goles, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Donna Hesson, Lynah Guile, Amy Humphrey, Family of Pauline Jackson, Mark Hardy, Family of Billy Hughes, Jim Hobson, Ellie Hunter, Lois Hunter, Ouita Jackson, Family of Dean Jestes, Family of Claire Kelly, Family of David Kirchner, Gene Kolnowski, Jan Lambert, Family of Patty Leupen, Laurel's Mom and Dad, Billy Lewis, Karen Martin, Ed Massey, Tiny Massey, Butch Lichliter, Lisa McClay, Family of Tom Melkus, Mary Michael, Craig Moore, Kathy Moore, Kathy Mullins, Family of Pete Murdza, Mark Nicholson, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Michael Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Larry and Jackie Paulus, Linda Playdon, Family of Linda Rice, Joyce Ritter, Bob Reed, Family of Doris Rhinehart, Dana Rosendahl, Russell Rueling, Bob Russel, Jim Bob Schultze, Family of Ed Scott, Pat Sievers, Jean Steigleman, Bob Spicher, Bob Smith, Jack Snyder, Lisa Summers, Sharon Truedel, Debbie Webb, Don Weinberg, Family of Harding Wescott, Bud Whitehead, family of Jamie Whitehead, family of Mary Francis Whitehead, Shannon Whitehead, Gertie Williams, Family of JoEllen Williams, Family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt, Diane Withers, Family of Larry Wright, Jimmy Wylie, Family of Tony Zile

**Long-term prayer concerns:** Karyn Brandel, Jerry Fowler, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Dustin Summers, Ryan Whitehead and his family

**Thank you** to our Greeters and Ushers – Shannon and Ron Whitehead

**Thank you** to our Liturgist – Jill Spicher

