

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday	Dec. 26	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday	Dec. 27	No Senior Exercise all week No Sew n Sews Today Chair Yoga 11:00 AM CH Castanet Deadline, Noon, Office
Wednesday	Dec. 28	Church Work Day 9:00 AM CH
Thursday	Dec. 29	Choir Practice 6:30 PM S
Sunday	Jan. 1	Contemporary Worship 8:30 AM S Traditional Worship 10:30 AM S



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Music Director, Julia Burns
 Praise Team, Mike and Connie Clark, Chloe Keith, Ian Beard
 Members of Chancel Choir
 Pianist, Dennis Eiler
 Organist, Bradley Bettencourt
 Cellist, Rosslyn Clauson
 Soloists, Chloe Keith, Ed Avila
 Pastor, Rev. Mary Birgelaitis,
 Liturgists, David Beard, Valerie Beard
 Christ Candle, Carolyn Russell
 Ushers, Dave and Dorine Bolterman
 Sound Technician, Lee Fonseca
 Camera, Alex Paredes



Abbreviation Legend: * Please sign up in advance at the welcome desk in the Narthex.
 CH = Criswell Hall HR = Hand Bell Room #115 PS = Pastor's Study
 MMR = McMillen Room #113 L = Library Room #123 S = Sanctuary



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December 25, 2022

10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY

The song of angels
fills the sky with joy and our hearts with love
at the birth of God's Son

PRELUDE *Carol of the Bells/I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
Leontovich/Calkin

PRAISE INTROIT *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born!
Christ is born indeed!
 Light is shining in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.
 Love is shining in our hearts.
May love and light fill our worship.

*OPENING HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 240

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS *Today is the Savior's Day*
The Friendly Beasts
O Come All Ye Faithful

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

CAROL (*remain seated*) *What Child is This* No. 219

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:6-7
Luke 2:8-14

SOLO *O Holy Night* Chloe Keith

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory Christmas Offering *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Richard S. Willis
 Doxology Melody from Hymnal, No. 95

***Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
 whose Daystar shines for us on high,
 whose Spirit brings into our sight
 the love to which our world draws nigh.***

*PRAISE CAROL *Joy to the World*

*BENEDICTION

Love will light our way.
Angel song will guide our path.
 Christ's Spirit will change the world.
**We go in the radiant love of the Christ child
 to bring God's love and light to the world.**

*RESPONSE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* No. 224

POSTLUDE *Ring the Bells* Harry Bollback

* Please stand as able.

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Today's Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:18-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

Today's Liturgist: Robin Isakson

HOSPITALITY

Today hosted by ALL CHURCH HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next Sun. Jan. 1, will also be hosted by "ALL CHURCH".

Please bring those extra Christmas goodies to share!

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/27	34	44	78	58	136	\$7,961
12/04	36	40	76	36	112	\$27,106
12/11	38	50	88	48	136	\$4,864
12/18	43	75	118	23	141	\$18,181
Weekly offering needed: \$6,160						
Fiscal year to date		Needed \$154,000		Received \$156,631		
Christmas Budgeted		\$5,100		Received \$5,699 that is,		
9 sparrows, 5 cats, 9 dogs, 7 roosters, 6 pigs, 20 sheep, 4 donkeys, 2 cows, and 3 camels. The stable is starting to fill up. Still waiting for the shepherds, wise men, wise women and angels.						