

HANDBELL CHOIR *Christmas Medley: I Saw Three Ships, The First Nowell, Westminster Carol*
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* verse 1 No. 229
Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Choral Response *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* verse 2 No. 229

CHOIR ANTHEM *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S Bach, arr. W. Riegger

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-4
Luke 1:46b-55

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Sing We Now of Christmas* verses 1-3 No. 238

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
ADVENT AGENDA:
"Imagine Joy"

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission
Offertory *The Holly and the Ivy* Traditional/arr Cindy Berry
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

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

*CLOSING HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* No. 218

*BENEDICTION

As children of God's promise,
we go to bring hope to the world.
Blessed by Christ's presence,
we go forth in peace.

RESPONSE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (refrain) No. 218

***Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.***

POSTLUDE *Christmas Joy* Franklin Ritter

Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organist: Brad Bettencourt

ISAIAH 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

LUKE 1:46B-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Today's Liturgist: Nancy St. Laurent



ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME

are the last TWO Sundays in December

Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

Bring your extra Christmas goodies

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/19	39	70	109	35	144	\$ 5,458
11/26	29	53	82	26	108	\$ 3,412
12/03	40	78	118	14	132	\$10,075
12/10	39	74	113	n/a	n/a	\$ 4,649

Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$156,921 YTD Budgeted \$137,371
Christmas Received \$2,226 Christmas Budgeted \$7,800
Report on the animals is on the next page.

HOSPITALITY TIME
Today's Hosts:
Christian Education and Worship
Hosts next Sunday,
Dec. 24
ALL CHURCH SUNDAY

