

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME Jim Franklin, Greeting Elder
Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: We have knelt in the stable-
Many: Let us come and kneel in the temple.

One: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!
Many: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!

One: O children, enter the house of the Lord!
Many: Enter God's presence, and be reborn!

* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT**

* **SACRED MUSIC** #151 "We Three Kings" NPH

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, in this season of giving gifts, somehow we let ourselves overlook the greatest gift of all: Emmanuel, God with us. We would be busy exchanging or complaining and miss completely the peace and love You came to give us. Forgive us, God, for we have been unappreciative children. Touch our hearts anew with the true glory and wonder that is Christmas. In Christ we pray. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (Unison) **Apostles' Creed**
(Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

* **GLORIA PATRI** (Unison) #581 NPH

* **THE PEACE** (Response: "And also with you.")

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-52 Pg. 59 NT
No Church School Today, Children To Remain.

SERMON "Why Were You Searching For Me?"
Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

* **SACRED MUSIC** #150 "As With Gladness Men of Old" NPH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary following the worship.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER
(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* **DOXOLOGY** (Unison, Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* **SACRED MUSIC** #152 "What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright" NPH

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

* **Congregation standing; as each person desires.**

Masks are welcome but not required, distance as you are comfortable.

Virtual fellowship via Zoom will take place at 11:30 a.m.



PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Rich Grayson, Alice Poole, Shirley Norton, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Scott McLain (father of Vicki), Nancy and Mark Brown, the Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Colleen Grant, Mary Theisen, Shirley Degouf-Brassard, Pam Constantine (sister of Barry Walch), Else Brown, Bill Parker's sister Rose Ann Manfredi, Janet Favro, Jody Upton and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

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AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

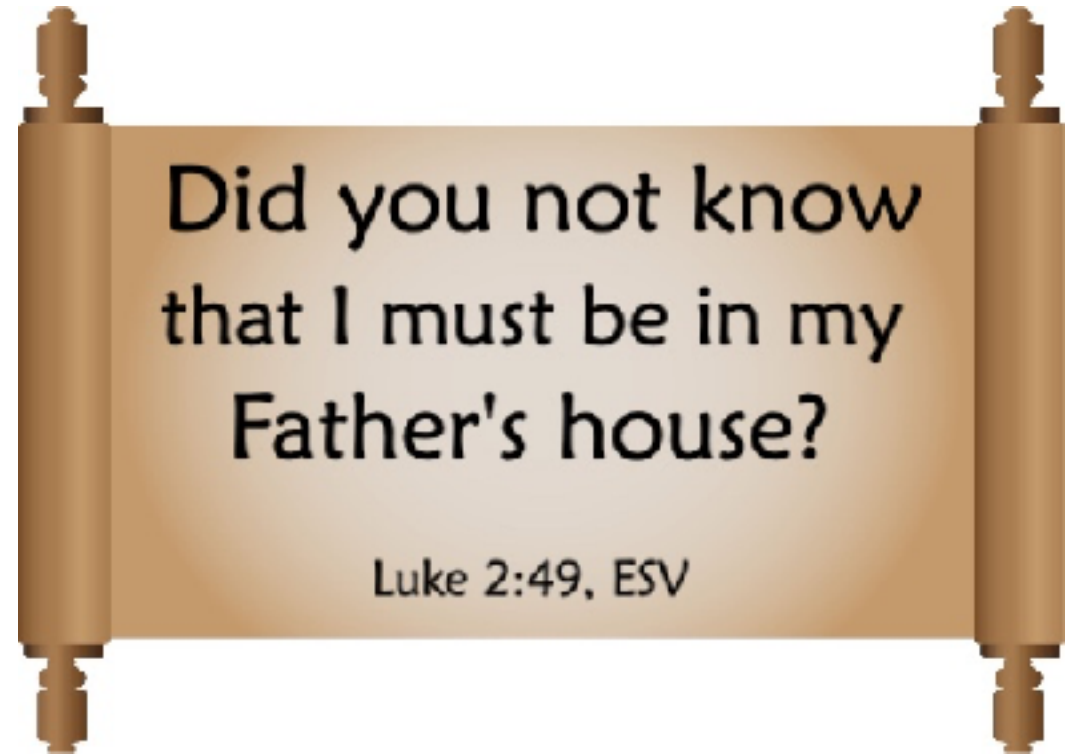
Sunday 12/29/24 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
Wednesday 1/1/25 - New Year's Day
Sunday 1/5/25 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
- Deacon and Food Offering

Birthdays: Jane Cable (Today); Janet Favro,
Kathryn O'Connell (Monday); Michael Witherhead (Tuesday);
Max Athanasakis, Rosie Larson (Saturday)

Anniversaries: Rance and Kelly Davis,
Jack and Margaret Wylie (Saturday)

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick & the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

To the tune of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Praise God!
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all Creatures here below! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,
give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.