

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

### **GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

#### **WELCOME**

Heidi Ames, Greeting Elder

*Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### \* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

*One:* “Good Christian folk, rejoice!  
With heart and soul and voice!”

*Many:* Our God has saved us once again!

*One:* God has suffered all our pain.

*Many:* Earth shook with heaven’s groaning  
until God’s thunder broke above.

Then God saved us once again.

*All:* Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

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

##### \* **SACRED MUSIC** #151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (vs. 1, 2, 5)

##### \* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Creative God, you make all things new and you hold out a new day and a new year for us. Yet how often we squander the opportunities, letting our doubts overwhelm us, letting our sins bind us, letting our fears stop us. You offer us new dreams, and we succumb to old weaknesses; you offer us hope and we choose the comfortable. We have touched the joy of Christmas. Let us carry a measure of delight and bounty of love into your new day. Fill us with the joy of living and the spirit of giving as we approach the new year. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

##### \* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

##### \* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (Unison) **Apostles’ Creed** (Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

##### \* **GLORIA EXCELSIS** (Unison, Refrain of “Angels We Have Heard On High”)

##### \* **THE PEACE** (Response: “And also with you.”)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 63:7-9

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### **TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

*No Church School Today, Children To Remain.*

#### **ANTHEM**

#### **SERMON**

“Saving Presence”

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

##### \* **SACRED MUSIC** #110 “Love Has Come” NPH

#### **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** #119 “As With Gladness Men of Old” NPH

##### \* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

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

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

*Following the worship service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and a light repast.*



## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Paula Eschman, Toby Walch, Bev and Jerry Findley, Bob Fraser, Wanda Renick, Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Rich Denison, Joe and Mary Bean, Mark Holbrook (father of Josh), Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, 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.

Choir Director/Pianist	Mark Darou
Advent Pianist	Bob Duda
Church School Director:	Andrea Montgomery
Congregational Coordinator	Linda Potter
Office Coordinator:	Christy Dekay

**The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a**  
**Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570**

### AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/28/25	- In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.) - National Call a Friend Day
Wednesday 12/31/25	- New Year's Eve
Thursday 1/1/25	- New Year's Day
Sunday 1/4/26	- In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.) - Deacon and Food Offering - Communion

**Birthdays:** Jane Cable (Monday) Janet Favro,  
Kathryn O'Connell (Tuesday);  
Michael Witherhead (Wednesday)

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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.

## **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.  
Praise Him (God) all creatures here below.  
Praise Him (God) above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father (Creator), Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.