

1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM

January 1st, 2023

19 Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:19

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come bow down and worship,

P: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

L: for he is our God

P: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS**

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

No. 273

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

No. 267

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. WE abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forget us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

“Behold the Lamb”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** “Doxology”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 145:8-9

ANTHEM

“Mary Did You Know?”

Solo By: Sarah Tarr

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48

SERMON

“Seeking Peace”

Michael Barton (CLP)

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

No. 251

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Ushers: Deacons

Welcome Desk:

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters:

Fellowship Hour: Sarah Tarr

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
Friday:	12-5 PM	Blood Drive
January 8th:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	6:30 PM	Youth Group

THANK YOU- We would like to thank the Deacons for all of their help with this year's Christmas Eve candlelight service.

CHRISTMAS CARDS- Reminder to pickup your Christmas cards in the Library.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION- There will be NO Coffee and Conversation this week, bible study will resume on Wed, Jan 11th.

SKI TRIP- Save the date, our annual church ski trip will be February 25th at Peek N' Peak. We have reserved a private room. Rentals and group rate tickets are available. See Pastor Mike for more details.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES – are available in the library for pick up. Some envelope numbers have changed this year. If you do not currently use offering envelopes, but would like to, please take a box that is not labeled and write your name and the number on the provided list. Please see Kala in the office with any questions. Thank you!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE- Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, January 6th from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. If we are able to donate 20 units of blood, they will donate \$250 to our Youth Group. Please sign up at redcrossblood.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST- Saturday, January 14th at 9 AM. All men are invited to a breakfast at Mac's Route 8 Café for a time of good food and good conversation. A sign-up sheet is located in the Library if you plan on attending.

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