

1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM

December 31st, 2023

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.
Galatians 4:4-5

PRELUDE
Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: The earth is the Lord’s, for he created it:
P: Come, let us adore Him.
L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
P: Come, let us adore Him.
L: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
P: Come, let us adore Him.
L: Lord, open our lips.
P: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

OPENING PRAYER
*HYMNS
“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” No. 273
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” No. 250

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Dear Heavenly Father, You give us the greatest gift of all, yourself, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, God, for the casual way we treat your gift of love. Cast out our sin and fill us with your love and grace. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

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
Isaiah 49:6

ANTHEM “O, Holy Night” Violinist: Paige Cihonski

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON
Philippians 3:12-14

SERMON “Hold On and Look Ahead” Michael Barton, CLP

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” No. 259

POSTLUDE
*Those who are able please stand.
Debbe Picerno

Ushers: Greeters: Cathy Woller
Welcome Desk: Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore
Liturgist: David Barton Child Care: Sarah Tarr

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	7 PM	Choir
Sunday, Jan 7th:	10 AM	Worship & Communion
	11 AM	Sunday School
	12-2 PM	Club 35 at Tokens Arcade
	6:30 PM	Youth Group

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL-There will be no Sunday School today, we will return with class next week.

CLUB 35- We will have our next event on Sunday, January 7th from 12-2 PM at Tokens Arcade in Lyndora. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura to sign up.

BLOOD DRIVE- We will be hosting a blood drive at the Meridian Fire Hall on Friday, January 5th from 12-5 PM. Please signup at redcrossblood.org if you would like to donate.

SAVE THE DATE- We will have a game night for all ages on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM. Childcare and popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite game.

YOUTH GROUP- We will not have youth group today. We will return on January 7th.

MEN’S BREAKFAST- All men are invited to breakfast at Mac’s Café on Jan 13th at 9 AM.



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