

Prayer Concerns

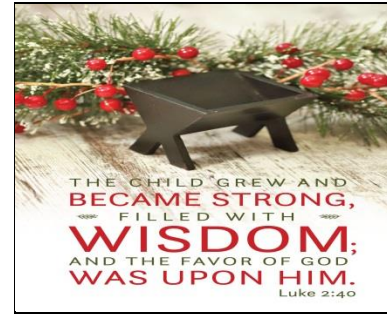
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Victims of natural disasters	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental Illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Those affected by gun violence	Anita B.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Bunny, Liz L.'s Cousin	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Jane P.
Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery	Keith A.
Alice W.'s Dad's recovery	Judy L.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Harry W., son of Harry W.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Matt, lifted by Janis J.	Barbara B.
Joan H.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Ron W.
Jewel Y., lifted by John & Michelle W.	Wayne K., lifted by Liz L.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

1/2 Elizabeth Sullivan	1/4 Brenda Forsberg
1/4 Benjamin Tidmore	1/5 Taylor Hotz

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Michelle Wolter
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Judi Wagner
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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1st Sunday After Christmas/Watchnight

December 31, 2023 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Mark Hayes
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Special Music *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Gary Lanier
Hoyte Wilhelm, Trombone

***Call to Worship**

Michelle Wolter

L: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait.

P: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring.

P: We watch and work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: We join generations of Simeons and Annas who learned and taught us how to listen, notice, and discern divine love at work in the world.

P: We watch and work for God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

L: Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next.

P: Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God’s kingdom on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

**Unison Prayer* (A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition)

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading* Isaiah 61:10-62:3

**Hymn* All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (vv 1, 2, 4, 6) UMH 154

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L: Friends, let us prepare to enter the new year with hearts that Have been unburdened, and let us make our confession before God and one another, first in silent prayer.

P: God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs, God of abundance and grace: You know us well, better than we know ourselves. You hear us cry “Gloria!” and “Praise!” And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds. You hear us say “Thy will be done” and “Use me, O God” and you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help. You know us, and you love us, and you forgive. Hear us now say, “Help

us to change; turn us around, make us more loving and courageous and hopeful.” This we pray in Jesus’ name. 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation for the Offering

Offertory

Largamente

Léon Boëllmann

***Doxology**

UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Sermon

“Hope for the New Year”

Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

UMH 671

***Responsive Benediction**

L: Beloved of God, depart now in peace, knowing that you have encountered Christ, our Savior.

P: Go now to watch, to wait, and to spread the light of Christ to the ends of the world, that God’s kingdom might reign on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Fum Fum Fum

Mark Hayes
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*