

### **Prayer Concerns**

Those affected by gun violence	Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Bev C., Deb C.'s mother
Karen & Tom H., sister and brother-in law of Jeff R.	Lois D.
Judi W.	John, lifted by Mary B.
Janis J.' brother, Kirk	Keith A.
Nadine B., lifted by Alice W.	Judy L.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Carl, friend of Joel & Deb C.
Dave S., brother-in-law of Jan C.	Sarah J.'s brother, Billy
Michael M., nephew of Jan C.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Becky & Dee, lifted by Claudia T.	Joan H.
Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C.	Martha, lifted by Janis J.
Kelly P., lifted by Claudia T.	Ray S.
Paul T.'s mother, Alice	David N., JoAnn's husband
Ken G., lifted by Barb B.	Joan T.
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.
Carolyn B.	Jan C.
Jennifer G.	Will S.
Mario R., Meals piano player	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Susan L.
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Randall S.
Nate R.	Barbara B.
Bunny, cousin of Liz L.	Bill & Marilyn R.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Doris, friend of Sally C.
Chris & Ava K., lifted by Jean S.	Tammy M.'s friend, Kate's, father
Phil T., lifted by Carolyn B.	Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.
	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
	Jim S.

### **This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries**

12/29 Liz Lavelle	12/29 James & Anita Bridges
12/29 John Wolter	12/31 Jim & Ellie Yager (64 years!)

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm  
Liturgist: Barb Clough  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Sarah Jackson  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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## **First Sunday After Christmas**

December 29, 2024 10:30 am

### **Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

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

**P: And also with you.**

### **Celebration of Ministries and Missions**

#### **Prelude**

*Still, Still, Still*

Mark Hayes  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Barb Clough

L: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**P: God has come to make a home among us!**

L: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

**P: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**

L: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

**P: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.**

L: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**P: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us.**

**\*Old Testament Reading**      Psalm 148

**\*Unison Prayer**

**O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever-brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *Joy to the World*                      UMH 246

**Gospel Reading**              Luke 2:41-52

**Hymn**                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                      UMH 234

**Hymn**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      UMH 238

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responsive Prayer of Confession**

L: Most Loving God, because you knew how twisted and corrupted our humanity had become, you sent us your Holy Son—

**P: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he has saved us from our sins.**

L: Because you have stood in our shoes and understand how difficult it is to live by the rule of law in an often cold, unfeeling, and ruthless world—

**P: We name him Jesus, our Savior, for he is this very day saving us from all our sins.**

L: Because you have given us a gracious spirit, forgiving those who sin against us, and you call us to a ministry of reconciliation in a fractured world—

**P: We proclaim him Jesus, our Savior, for he will save our world from its many sins. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

God of Christmas, God of unspeakable grace, forgive and renew us all, that our lives may declare the wonders of that Holy Love that has called us out of darkness into glorious light.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Prayer for the Offering/Doxology**                      UMH 94

**Hymn**                      *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*                      UMH 218

**Hymn**                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*                      UMH 230

**Special Music**              *"Dance of The Sugar Plum Fairy"*  
from *The Nutcracker Suite*      Tchaikovsky/Pletnev

**New Testament Reading**      Colossians 3:12-17

**Hymn**                      *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*                      UMH 240

**\*Hymn**                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*                      UMH 251

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*                      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.*