

***Congregation Invited to Stand if Able**
Prelude (a call to silent meditation)

2 Samuel 7:16

Your house and Your kingdom will endure forever before me; Your throne will be established forever.

THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE

Processional/Introit “Joy To The World” #171

GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE-Eisele Family

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

People: Our souls magnify the Lord;

Leader: With our mouths we proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

Leader: We declare that Your steadfast love is established forever;

People: His mercy is to those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

People: He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

ALL: You are our God and the Rock of our salvation.

***Hymn of Praise** “O Come, All Ye Faithful ” #193

***OPENING PRAYER**

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, for he looks with favor upon us and sees our unrealized potential. In the tradition of Mary, and all who have said “yes” to God, we stand here today, to add our assent to theirs. Like Mary, we feel overwhelmed; we wonder if we are worthy, or capable, of following the calling. Like Mary, we have our questions and we will not be afraid to ask them. Like Mary, we will hear and ponder the assurance that God will empower us. Like Mary we will strive to say - “Let it be with us according to your will.” To whatever God is inviting us at this time in our lives, and relying on God’s grace, we say “yes.” In the Name of the One who taught us to pray saying...Our Father, Who art in heaven...Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER “using debts”**

***“Gloria Patri” #142**

CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer Hymn “Silent Night, Holy Night” #195

Silent Prayers, Quiet Music, and Morning Prayer

Response “Gloria In Excelsis Deo” (hymn 192)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to partake of the Holy Communion

Communion Hymn “Child In The Manger” #198

Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Meditation

Offertory

***“Doxology”** #382

***Prayer of Dedication**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joseph’s Song” Arlen

YOUNG DISCIPLE’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

Terry Davis

MESSAGE

“The Gift Of Us”

Eric Holmes

INVITATION

If you desire to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, to renew your faith, or to place your membership with our church family, please come forward during this hymn.

***Invitation Hymn** “I Wonder As I Wonder” (Stz 1 & 2) #183

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn** “Away In A Manger” (Stz 3) #185

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

Scripture Reading for this week:

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Luke 1:26-38 Luke 1:46-55

Romans 16:25-27

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

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PRAYER CONCERNS

New people added this week:

- Pray for all the individuals past and present who serve or served in the armed forces
- All the victims of the fighting between Israel and Hamas
- Pray for all the individuals who can't be with their families this Advent Season
- Pray for those who are battling their demons during the holidays
- Donna Tarrant – hospice
- Kirk Morehead - hospice

We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Bea Albers (sister of Kay Bunge) – doing physical therapy
- Teresa Banks (friend of Nancy Seelow) – foot amputation
- Renea Brown – had biopsy on Thursday
- Braydon (4 yrs old) grandson of Pam (friend of Kim Meyers) – marked decrease in seizures since surgery
- Alyia Cowan – struggling with personal issues
- Avera Hagan (4 yr old daughter of Sean and Tegan) – large tumor on the kidney
- Teresa Jennings – in a severely weakened state due to cancer
- Shirley Levings – recuperating at home
- Erica Maschger (daughter of Lan) – battling pre-eclampsia, baby is due end of January
- Ruth Murphy (Erin Smith) – stage 4 cancer
- Lisa Peterson – receiving chemotherapy, 4 down and 2 to go
- Vera Reaser (mother of Beverly Jones) – congestive heart failure, stage 3 renal failure, oxygen 24/7
- Kenny Schumacher – struggling with personal issues
- JR Shepherd – waiting for heart transplant
- Delores Woodhurst - chemotherapy

Last Sunday's Attendance
December 17– 52

Last Month's Offering
October 2023 --- \$10,116.64

Last Month's Expenses
October 2023 --- \$4,055.47
Long --- \$6,061.17

Next Sunday's suggested lectionary is:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Luke 2:22-40

Galatians 4:4-7

Psalm 148



Christmas Eve Service
TONIGHT
5:00 pm

Don't forget to pick up and take home your Christmas cards with you today.

Bulletins, newsletters, and links to the recorded church services are located on the church's website, <http://www.perrychristian.church/>

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Please let Arlen know if you have donated poinsettias in honor or memory of someone so it can be included in the bulletin.



Poinsettias given this year:

Jim and Rae Bair in memory of James and Fran Bair, Fran Bair Helfrich,
Glenn and Catherine Dubray, Lucille Dubray Baker, Jane
Dubray Elam, Frances Dubray Story, Glenn Dubray

Diane Brooks in memory of Donald and Marjorie Thompson.

Joyce Coleman in memory of Elmer Coleman.

Tom Hurley in memory of Dee Hurley.

Arlen and Christia Provancha in memory of Kenneth and Phala
Crownover, LaVern and Willie Provancha, Louis Provancha

They may be gone but not forgotten.



December 24, 2023

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 25	Gary House	Dec 28	Melanie Utterback
Dec 28	Michael Brooks	Dec 30	Ruth Seelow
Jan 02	Lela Johnson	Jan 08	Joyce Coleman
Jan 12	Jessica Meranda	Jan 12	Destiny Davis
Jan 24	Megan Cripe	Jan 26	Terry Davis
Jan 28	Shirley Levings	Jan 31	Andrew Schumacher
Feb 11	Tony Elam	Feb 12	Carolyn Schutte

ANNIVERSARY

Dec 28	Jim and Rae Bair (1968)
Dec 29	Eric and Terri Holmes (1993) 30 th Anniversary
Jan 05	Alvin and Nancy Seelow (1979)
Jan 13	James and Melanie Utterback (2007)

GREETERS

Dec 24	Dustin Wasson	Mary Wasson
Dec 31	Terry Davis	Renea Brown
Jan 07	Thresa Hurd	Alisha Eisele
Jan 14	Alvin Seelow	Kim Meyers

UPCOMING

Sun., Dec 24	– Christmas Eve Service 5:00
Sun., Dec 31	– Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec 31	– Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Tues, Jan 02	– CWF Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
Wed, Jan 03	– Prayer Shawl @ 2:00 p.m. at Rae's house
Sun., Jan 07	– Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 07	– Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 07	– Board Meeting after church in the office
Sun., Jan 14	– Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 14	– Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.

S. S. SUPERINTENDENT – Greg Harrison
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