

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

Isaiah 61:10

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

## **THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE**

**Processional/Introit** “Joy To The World” (hymn #171)

### **GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** We gather to praise You, O God, for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand: the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather:

**People: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

**Leader:** We gather to praise You, O God, for all the things that we cannot see or understand: all heaven’s angels, outer space, and the skies above us;

**People: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

**Leader:** We gather to praise You, O God, for all the things in life that we experience: the created world, people of all ages and circumstances, all God’s creations.

**ALL: We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God: Whose name is glorious, and Whose ways are holy.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Angels From The Realms Of Glory #190

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

At the dawn of a new year O God, we come to welcome hope for a new world. Let the darkness lift, to welcome a dawn of plenty, with enough for everyone and people ready to share. Let the day begin, with new energy for the struggle to protect our children and to care for the vulnerable. Let the light shine, to open a path to safety for all who are seeking home and longing for life. At the dawn of a new year we come to declare our hope and to welcome a new world in Your care, as we pray as Jesus taught us 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** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #193  
Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

### **OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Offertory Meditation  
Offertory  
\*“Doxology” #382  
\*Prayer of Dedication

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Some Children See Him” Pastor Nancy and Arlen

### **YOUNG DISCIPLE’S MOMENT**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:22-40

#### **MESSAGE**

“Simeon’s Song”  
Pastor Nancy Kellstrom

### **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 Wander” (Stz 1 & 2) 183  
**\*Benediction**  
**\*Recessional Hymn** “Away In A Manger” (Stz 3) #185

### **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD**

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Scripture Reading for this week:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40  
Psalm 148

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

### New people added this week:

- Our country and the leaders of our country
- Everyone safety as they celebrate Christmas
- People dealing with the effects of Covid virus
- Jim and Rae Bair – total loss of their home to a fire on Christmas Eve

### We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Rickie Baker – recovering at home
- Susan Berrey (daughter of Bonnie) – recovery from broken wrist and ankle due to a fall
- Rebecca Briscoe (cousin of Renea Brown) – going to Nashville to see about cancer treatment
- Martha Briscoe – in Barnes with Covid, has a lung transplant, her husband is hospitalized too for Covid
- Joanne Bumgarner – doing better
- Glenna Johnson – recovering at home
- Tom Quinn – on ventilator positive for Covid
- Betty Scherder (niece of Melburn and Eunice) – leg not healing, draining, warm compresses several times daily
- Wanda Shoemate – Covid positive
- Becky Tuley (cousin of Nancy Seelow) – released from the hospital after being there for Covid, waiting to reschedule stem cell transplant
- Calvin Webber – Hospitalized Covid positive
- Dick Webber – ICU Covid positive
- Gaytha, Chris and Nan Webber –Covid positive but recovering

Last Sunday's Attendance  
December 20 ---

Last Month's Offering  
November 2020 --- \$6,133.70

Last Month's Expenses  
November 2020 --- \$6,630.52

### New Address

Robert and Paula Roland  
417 W Adams  
Bowling Green, MO 63334

Next Sunday's scripture is  
John 1:10-18.

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**December 27, 2020**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dec 28	Melanie Utterback	Dec 28	Michael Brooks
Dec 30	Ruth Seelow	Jan 02	Lela Johnson
Jan 04	Mae McLaughlin (94)	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 30	Lukas Johnston
Jan 31	Andrew Schumacher		

**ANNIVERSARY**

Dec 28	Jim and Rae Bair (1968)
Jan 01	Chris and Amanda Johnson (2009)
Jan 05	Alvin and Nancy Seelow (1979)
Jan 13	James and Melanie Utterback (2007)
Jan 24	David and Lois Swon (1969)
Jan 28	Bob and Nancy Kellstrom (1967)

**GREETERS**

Dec 27	Buddy Norman	Mary Wasson
Jan 03	Joyce Coleman	Nancy Seelow
Jan 10	Thresa Hurd	Alisha Eisele
Jan 17	Warren Hetrick	Ronnie Cragen

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sun., Dec 27 – Church Board Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.  
Sun., Jan 3 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.  
Sun., Jan 10 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.  
Sun., Jan 17 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.

**S. S. SUPERINTENDENT – Greg Harrison**

**MINISTER – Pastor Nancy Kellstrom**

**PIANISTS – Cheri Provanca or Bonnie Berrey**

**CHOIR DIRECTOR – Arlen Provanca**

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