

**\*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**

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

##### **\*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** “As With Gladness Men Of Old” #202

##### **\*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** “We Three Kings Of Orient Are” #206

**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** “The First Noel” (Stz 3, 4, & 5) #179

Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

## **OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Offertory Meditation

Offertory

**\*“Doxology”** #382

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“There’s A New Kid In Town”

Arlen

## **YOUNG DISCIPLE’S MOMENT**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:21-40

Chloe Foster

### **MESSAGE**

“Reminisce and Reflect ”

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** “Good Christian Me, Rejoice” (Stz 2 & 3) #177

**\*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:

- 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
- Lois Tobin – double pneumonia, RSV, hospitalized
- Charlie Mitchell – wanting for kidney transplant, A+ blood type
- Betty Curtis (mother of friend of Terry Davis) – hospice
- Cathy Zamora (cousin of Lynn Broyles) – broke 3 places in femur, just got home from 3 week stay in hospital for Covid
- Pandora Walker – health issues
- Heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Kirk Morehead, niece of Edna Long, and family of Mokane Community Church's minister.

### 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
- 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
- Erica Maschger (daughter of Lan) – daughter was successfully delivered
- 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
- Donna Tarrant – hospice
- Delores Woodhurst - chemotherapy

Last Sunday's Attendance

December 24– 54

Christmas Eve Service - 72

Last Month's Offering

November 2023 --- \$4,303.60

Last Month's Expenses

November 2023 --- \$6,733.06

Short --- \$2,429.46

Next Sunday's suggested lectionary is:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Luke 2:22-40

Galatians 4:4-7

Psalms 148

CWF will not be meeting in January. The next meeting will be on February 6 at 10:00 am.

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

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**December 31, 2023**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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
Feb 16	Mary Wasson	Feb 21	Warren Hetrick
Feb 22	Candice Rothwell	Feb 22	Robert Roland
Feb 25	Ethan Brown	Mar 03	Jeanie Gay

**S. S. SUPERINTENDENT – Greg Harrison**  
**MINISTER – Pulpit Supply Minister**  
**PIANISTS – Cheri Provancha or Bonnie Berrey**  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR – Arlen Provancha**  
**CHURCH PHONE: 573-565-2799**

**ANNIVERSARY**

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 31	Terry Davis	Renea Brown
Jan 07	Thresa Hurd	Alisha Eisele
Jan 14	Alvin Seelow	Kim Meyers
Jan 21	Tom Hurley	David Lewellen

**UPCOMING**

Tues, Jan 02	– CWF Meeting @ 10:00 a.m. postponed until Feb
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 <b>CANCELLED</b>
Sun., Jan 14	– Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 14	– Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 21	– Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 21	– Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.