

***Congregation Invited to Stand if Able**

Prelude (a call to silent meditation)

Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE

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

GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Celebrate God’s grace!

People: How comforting it is to know God always accompanies us.

Leader: Approach God in awe!

People: How amazing it is to consider that God has created each of us and each star in the heavens.

Leader: Praise the living God!

People: How good it is to sing praises together.

***Hymn of Praise** “As With Gladness Men Of Old” #202

***OPENING PRAYER**

Ever-calling God, we give thanks that You have gathered us into Your church and graced us with Your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of Your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus’ vision and dream that Your faithful people may be one in You. We pray in the Name of the One Who 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

“Birthday Of A King” Arlen

YOUNG DISCIPLE’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

MESSAGE

“It All Begins With Praise”
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** “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (Stz 2 & 3) #177

***Benediction**

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

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

Scripture Reading for this week:

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1: 1-18

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

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PRAYER CONCERNS

New people added this week:

- Our country and the leaders of our country
- Everyone safety as they celebrate the New Year
- People dealing with the effects of Covid virus
- Chris and Amanda Johnson and family
- Jim Bair – slipped on the ice, fell, broke his arm, and recovering at home after surgery Tuesday to repair arm
- Salinda (Sam) Voepel (friend of Arlen and Christia) – hospitalized Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for platelets infusion, discovered her leukemia is back and will start treatments this coming week

We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Jim and Rae Bair – total loss of their home to a fire on Christmas Eve
- Susan Berrey (daughter of Bonnie) – recovering from a broken wrist and ankle due to a fall
- Martha Briscoe – released on Friday from Barnes
- Joanne Bumgarner – doing better
- Betty Scherder (niece of Melburn and Eunice) – leg not healing, draining, warm compresses several times daily
- Becky Tuley (cousin of Nancy Seelow) – released from the hospital after being there for Covid, waiting to reschedule stem cell transplant

Next Sunday's scripture is
Mark 1:4-11.

Last Sunday's Attendance
December 27 ---

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

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

The church's website, perrychristian.church will be undergoing some changes. We hope to improve the website and to contain additional information. One change that has already happened is posting virtual service and bulletins for a longer period of time. The website will have the last four virtual services and bulletins posted. When a new service and bulletin is posted, the oldest one will be removed. However, all virtual services are still on youtube.com. If you are wanting to see an older virtual service, do a search for "Perry Christian Church Virtual Service." That search should bring up all virtual services of the Perry Christian Church.

Bulletins, newsletters and virtual service are posted on the
Perry Christian Church website
<http://www.perrychristian.church/>

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January 3, 2021

BIRTHDAYS

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	Feb 11	Anthony Elam
Feb 12	Carolyn Schutte	Feb 16	Mary Wasson
Feb 18	Mary Young	Feb 21	Warren Hetrick
Feb 22	Candice Johnson	Feb 22	Robert Roland
Feb 25	Ethan Brown		

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)
Feb 04	Travis and Renea Brown (2002)
Feb 14	Don and Kathy Laird (1962)
Feb 24	Jim and Terri Anderson (1979)

GREETERS

Jan 03	Joyce Coleman	Nancy Seelow
Jan 10	Thresa Hurd	Alisha Eisele
Jan 17	Warren Hetrick	Ronnie Cragen
Jan 24	Tom Hurley	David Lewellen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Jan 10 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 17 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 24 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.

S. S. SUPERINTENDENT – Greg Harrison

MINISTER – Pastor Nancy Kellstrom

PIANISTS – Cheri Provanca or Bonnie Berrey

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