

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

Psalms 29:10-11

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.

THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE

Processional/Introit “For The Beauty Of The Earth” #1

GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: **Jesus emerges from the water.**

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

People: **"This is My Child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

People: **We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.**

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

ALL: **Let us worship the One Who names and claims us still.**

***Hymn of Praise** “Glorious Day” #screen

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation; You are sweeping over us now, creating something new. Call us away from the distractions of the world to experience what You are doing now, in us, and through us, and in our world. Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning, where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation, experiencing all possibilities in You. Turn us away from the negative lens and lead us to the light. In the name of Jesus, 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 “Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart” #147
Silent Prayers, Quiet Music, and Morning Prayer (Stz 1, 4, & 5)
Response “Spirit Of The Living God”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to partake of the Holy Communion
Communion Hymn “Breathe On Me, Breath Of God” #161
Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mary’s Little Boy Child” Arlen

YOUNG DISCIPLE’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 57 Matthew 2:1-12
Leanne Reed

MESSAGE

“Gifts For The New Year”
Leanne Reed

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 Surrender All” (Stz 1 & 4) #408

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn** “Heavenly Sunlight” (Stz 1) #700

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

Scripture Reading for this week:

Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:4-11
Acts 19:1-7 Psalm 29

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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
- Laura Talbott Leake – waiting for kidney transplant
- Lynn Broyles – Covid positive
- Penny Cearley – Covid positive, UTI, sinus infection
- Heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of John Wilford Briscoe

We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Alyia Cowan – struggling with personal issues
- Betty Curtis (mother of friend of Terry Davis) – hospice
- Teresa Jennings – in a severely weakened state due to cancer
- Charlie Mitchell – wanting for kidney transplant, A+ blood type
- 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
- Lois Tobin – double pneumonia, RSV, hospitalized
- Pandora Walker – health issues
- Delores Woodhurst - chemotherapy
- Cathy Zamora (cousin of Lynn Broyles) – broke 3 places in femur, just got home from 3 week stay in hospital for Covid

Last Sunday's Attendance
December 31– 40

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:

1 Samuel 3:1-20	John 1:43-51
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

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

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January 7, 2024

BIRTHDAYS

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 01	Clayton Birkhead	Mar 01	Gary Chandlee
Mar 03	Jeanie Gay	Mar 03	Amy Hodges

ANNIVERSARY

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 07	Thresa Hurd	Alisha Eisele
Jan 14	Alvin Seelow	Kim Meyers
Jan 21	Tom Hurley	David Lewellen
Jan 28	Willene Asbury	Laura Cowan

UPCOMING

Sun., Jan 07	– Board Meeting after church CANCELLED
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.
Sun., Jan 28	– Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 28	– Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.

S. S. SUPERINTENDENT – Greg Harrison
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