

*Congregation Invited to Stand if Able

Prelude (a call to silent meditation) Jeremiah 31:7
“For thus says the LORD: ‘Sing aloud with gladness and raise shouts for the leaders of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,’ ‘The LORD has saved His people’ .”

THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE
Processional/Introit “Redeeming Love” (hymn #199)

GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.”

People: “**The LORD builds up His City; He gathers the outcasts of His People.**”

Leader: “The LORD heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.”

People: “**The LORD determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.**”

Leader: “Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.”

People: “**The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.**”

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

*OPENING PRAYER

On this festive day, we celebrate the message that You had planned for us-that Christ came for all people. You did not forget Your people in bondage; You rescued them and restored them as Your people. We praise You. You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ for all. For those who came to seek Jesus from far away, we praise You. You gave us the gift of Your Son so that we may live eternally with You. We praise You. This we pray through Christ our Lord saying “Our Father, who art ...

*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”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to partake of the Holy Communion

Communion Hymn “It Came Upon The Midnight Clear” #197

Sharing of the Lord’s Supper

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Meditation Ephesians 1:3-14

Offertory

*Doxology #382

*Prayer of Dedication

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wise Men, They Come To Look Arlen

YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Jim Bair

MESSAGE

“Ready To Let Go?”

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 Men, Rejoice” (Stz 2 & 3) #177

***Benediction:**

***Recessional Hymn** “Away in a Manger” (Stz. 3) #185

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

Psalms 29

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

Acts 10:34-43

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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
- Pray for those who are battling their demons during the holidays
- Pray for those who aren't with their families for Advent
- Betty Smashey- (grandmother of Renae)- hospitalized with very low oxygen levels
- Heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Tristan Fuqua and Rusty Lamberson (stepfather of Tara Jones)
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We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Betty (relative of Diane Brooks, born Sept 5) – strong enough for heart surgery
- Ronnie Cragen- recovering at home with PT
- Ammie Gaston-critically ill
- Linda Gould (mother of Bethany McMillian) – cancer returned
- Carol Lee Hays – recovering from hospitalization due to leukemia
- Chris Johnson – recovering from knee surgery
- Erica Maschger (daughter of Lan Blanchard) – diagnosed with cancer for the third time
- Josh Meranda – leukemia diagnosis
- Aaron Vento (husband of Cheri's co-worker) – brain infection

Next Sunday's scripture is
John 1:29-42.

Last Sunday's Attendance
January 1 - 36

Last Month's Offering
November 2022 --- \$4,314.51

Last Month's Expenses
November 2022 --- \$5,072.73
Short --- \$758.22

Today the Advent decorations will be taken down and put away. Please stay and help. It won't take long if several stay to help.

**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 8, 2023

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	Anthony 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

ANNIVERSARY

Jan 13	James and Melanie Utterback (2007)
Jan 24	David and Lois Swon (1969)
Feb 04	Travis and Renea Brown (2002)
Feb 14	Don and Kathy Laird (1962)
Feb 24	Jim and Terri Anderson (1979)

GREETERS

Jan 08	Thresa Hurd	Alisha Eisele
Jan 15	Alvin Seelow	Kim Meyers
Jan 22	Tom Hurley	David Lewellen
Jan 29	Willene Asbury	Laura Cowan

UPCOMING

Sun., Jan 08 – Storing Advent decorations after church service
Sun., Jan 15 – Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 15 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 22 – Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 22 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 29 – Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.
Sun., Jan 29 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.

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