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**Prelude** (a call to silent meditation) Isaiah 11:1 "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from His roots a Branch will bear fruit."

# THE LIGHT OF JESUS COMING INTO OUR PRESENCE

Processional/Introit "O Come All Ye Faithful" (#193)

## **GREETINGS, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Utterback Family

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord will fulfill all the promises given to God's people.
People: Praise be to God.
Leader: The days are coming when all shall be revealed.
People: Thanks be to God.
Leader: The signs of God's Good News are all around us.
People: The darkness has overshadowed them.
Leader: God will bring to us a new light for all generations.
People: Open our eyes, Lord, to see Your promises fulfilled.
\*Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #168

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

It is so easy for us, Lord, to let the anger, frustration, and fear overshadow our lives. We can't seem to escape it. We try to find some way to cover it up, but it remains. And in our anxiety, we act out our fear in ways which are not helpful and, far too often, go against the ways You have taught us to live. We feel the pressure to give, and resentment in giving. We feel the push to be present at every upcoming event and want to run and hide. Help us, Lord. Heal our wounded spirits. Free us again to look to You for Hope. Let us see the many ways in which You are present to us...guiding, healing, loving, and encouraging us. Forgive us for our fears and our stubbornness. Bring us again to Your light. And when we bow our heads and pray to You, we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples saying...Our Father, who art in heaven...AMEN.

\*LORD'S PRAYER "**using debts**" \*"Gloria Patri" #142

# CALL TO PRAYER

#198

**Prayer Hymn** "Child In The Manger" **Silent Prayers, Quiet Music, and Morning Prayer Response** "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (#192)

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to partake of the Holy Communion **Communion Hymn** "I Wonder As I Wander" (Stz 1, 2, & 3) #183 Sharing of the Lord's Supper

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

Offertory Meditation	1 Timothy 4:11-15
Offertory	
*"Doxology"	#382
*Prayer of Dedication	
SPECIAL MUSIC	
"The Peace Carol"	Arlen

#### YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MOMENT

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Chloe Foster

# MESSAGE

"A Broken Mirror - A Light of Hope" 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.

# **BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS**

# \*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn "Away In A Manger" (Stz 1) #185 CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD

Jeremiah 33:14-161 Thessalonians 3:9-13Psalms 25:1-10Luke 21:25-36

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# **PRAYER CONCERNS**

# New people added this week:

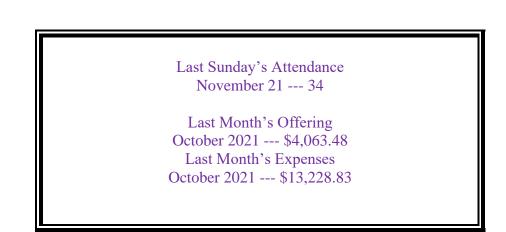
• Individuals in who basic needs are not met

# We pray continued prayers of hope and healing for:

- Those dealing with cancer
- Lisa Ambrosia (wife of the grandnephew of Rae Bair) recovering at home
- Mary Ames (friend of Glenna Johnson) being transferred to Hannibal for rehab, antibiotics for vegetation on heart valve, waiting for neck surgery
- Shari Bell hospitalized at University in Columbia with a brain infection
- Samantha Day (friend of Glenna) numerous brain tumors, starting chemotherapy
- Melburn Fisher doing better but has pain in his legs
- Charlotte Flick battling cancer
- Sophia Green (granddaughter of Dale and Mary Kuda) recovering at home for RSV Pneumonia
- Bruce Howald (nephew of John and Willene Asbury) –at home with 24/7 care, still some memory loss
- Thresa Jennings battling cancer
- Wyatt Smith (nephew of Dawn) recovering at home but will need surgery at a later date
- Jardel Stratton (friend of Arlen and Christia) chemo stopped due to adverse reaction
- Becky Tuley (cousin of Nancy Seelow) found out on Friday that the stem cell transplant was a SUCCESS and her cancer is DORMANT!!!
- Betty Utterback (mother-in-law of Melanie) hospitalized with COPD

# Next Sunday's scripture is Luke 3:1-6

The process of painting the basement floor is completed. Now the floor is "curing" for 28 days. There will be a "Putting The Basement Back Together" work session after church next Sunday, December 5. It won't take long to accomplish if several stay to help place everything where it belongs. Wear you work jeans and t-shirts to church ready to work as soon as the service is over. We are getting closer to completing the basement improvements.



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

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# **Poinsettias**

This year poinsettias will not be order through the church, instead you are encouraged to purchase one and bring it to church. Please let Arlen know to whom the poinsettia is in honor or memory of so it can be listed in the bulletin during the Advent Season.



# **Monroe City Singers Performances**

Monroe City Singers Christmas Concert Monroe City United Methodist Church Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 pm Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 pm.



# **Perry Community Choir**

The Perry Community Choir's Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 at the Perry Christian Church.

# **Perry Christian Church**

Christmas Eve Services Friday, December 24 5:00 p.m.



# **Breakfast with Santa**

an event for the entire family!



Saturday December 11, 2021

# Perry Christian Church Basement

9:00 AM – 11:00AM Admission: Free

Sponsored by the Perry Christian Church Stewardship Committee

Placing extreme value on community and fellowship

# BIRTHDAYS

Nov 29	Carol Norman	Dec 01	Brian Schutte
Dec 09	Kelsey Caldwell	Dec 10	Glenna Johnson
Dec 13	Lois Stuart	Dec 14	Robert Norman
Dec 14	Bre Asbury	Dec 17	Lynn Broyles
Dec 18	Connie Murray	Dec 23	Judy Itschner
Dec 25	Gary House	Dec 28	Melanie Utterback
Dec 28	Michael Brooks	Dec 30	Ruth Seelow

# ANNIVERSARY

- Nov 28 Arlen and Christia Provancha (1980)
- Dec 08 Michael and Diane Brooks (1979)
- Dec 11 Robert and Paula Roland (2008)
- Dec 28 Jim and Rae Bair (1968)

# GREETERS

Nov 28	Jim Bair	Jeanie Gay
Dec 5	Glenna Johnson	Jim Gay
Dec 12	Kim Meyer	Carol Norman
Dec 19	Nancy Seelow	Alvin Seelow

# UPCOMING

Sun., Nov 28 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec 5 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec 5 – Put basement back in place after church
Sun., Dec 12 – Worship Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sun., Dec 12 – Community Christmas Program @ 2:00

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