First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 29th, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

"With my own eyes I have seen Your salvation; it is now out in the open for everyone to see!" -Luke 2:30-31

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"External comforts do not matter, for Jesus was born in a stable . . . but the love of His parents made Him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved." - Pope Benedict XVI "A child is someone you carry inside of you for nine months, in your arms for three years, and in your heart forever and eternity." - Mary Mason "Before you were born, I set you apart." - Jeremiah 1:5

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L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing

(1) The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!

WORDS OF WELCOME FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS **HYMNS OF PRAISE: Sing We I



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[†]*HYMNS OF PRAISE: Sing We Now of Christmas Il Est Né

^{†*}Lighting the Christ Candle

(2) We listen to what God is saying to us!

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION) YOUNG-AT-HEART SCRIPTURE Psalm 131 (sung) / *Luke 2:21-40 ("Jesus the Light") SERMON She Spirit of Shristmas

(3) We respond to what God is saying to us!

Blessing Our Newborn Saints

**HYMNS OF RESPONSE: Good King Wenceslas I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Do You Hear What I Hear?

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!

ANNOUNCEMENTS SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, ends with [†]The Lord's Prayer [†]*HYMN OF MISSION: Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgot? *CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP [†]*A MUSICAL BENEDICTION: Here We Come A'Caroling

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary; you may also give online at **peumc.org/donate** or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Pray for these members throughout December:

Jerry Fr.; Ellen & Skip M.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.; the Parks Family. **Our Shut-Ins:** Mabel J.; Jim H.; Mary & Ed H.; Chris L.; Lynn R.; Barbara T. **Our Children:** Gracie & Symphony

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Brandon & Nathan S.; Ethan B. Danial H.; Carson P.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

- From 12/1: Cousins: Debora K. metastatic breast cancer, radiation treatments not going well; Barbara S. inoperable bowel obstruction, in hospice care (Candy P.)
- From 12/8: Prayers for the family of Jim Hess who passed away yesterday (Kathy Mc.); prayers of comfort for the family of Pat (a friend) who passed away last night; may he rest in peace (Becky & Jeff); pray for my sister, Mary and family; she just lost her husband to cancer (Marge B.).
- From 12/15: Prayers for the family of Roger Cole who passed away this past week; Roger & Jan were former members here (Kathy Mc.); JOY: Praise to the Lord for Collin B. return to health!
- From 12/23: Prayers for the family of Gerold Lampman who passed away this past week (Pastor); prayers for Jim H., he is in the hospital and will be transferred to another facility for rehabilitation.

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

 Monday (12/30): Psalm 27
 Tuesday (12/31): Psalm 23

 Wednesday (1/1): Psalm 18
 Thursday (1/2): Psalm 9

 Friday (1/3): Psalm 8
 Saturday (1/4): Psalm 150

 Sunday (1/5): Psalm 131 / Luke 2:21-40

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:



January-February Mission Project:

Raise money for Reconciling Ministries Network; the agency that helps U.M. congregations become fully inclusive.

A Call to Discipleship:

(refer to this list throughout the week to keep you accountable!)

Prayer theme: for those who don't feel they 'have' the Holy Spirit; for our own ability to follow the Spirit to find Christ. Consider: How can I tell if a sense is the Spirit or just my own will? □ Action: Find rituals, times, or activities that help you be 'in the Spirit.' I will invite these person(s) to church: I will visit/call these person(s) this week: □ Donate \$ to a mission/charity/cause this week. □ Set aside \$ for my church offering next week. □ Volunteer: Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels □ Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service. Pray over the prayer list. □ Read a daily devotional, like the Upper Room (take a copy; it's free!) SUNDAY SERVICES - 10A TODAY - December 29th January 12th FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS BAPTISM OF THE JORD SUNDAY **UNHANGING OF THE GREENS** Newborn Saints Sunday (after the service) (Scripture: Simeon & Anna Meet Jesus) (Scripture: Jesus is Baptized) Second Sunday Refreshments: January 5th Leo & Sue Thomasgard FPIPHANY SUNDAY Communion January 19th (Scripture: Jesus as a Young Boy) **ECUMENICAL SUNDAY** (Scripture: Jesus Brings Good News) January 16th WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

(Scripture: Jesus Fishes for People)

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 1st

First Wednesday Hymn Service – 6:00p – Memorial Lounge

<u>Saturday, January 4th</u> Mens' Breakfast – El Café – 8:00a Tuesday, January 7th MemoryShare – El Café – 10:30a