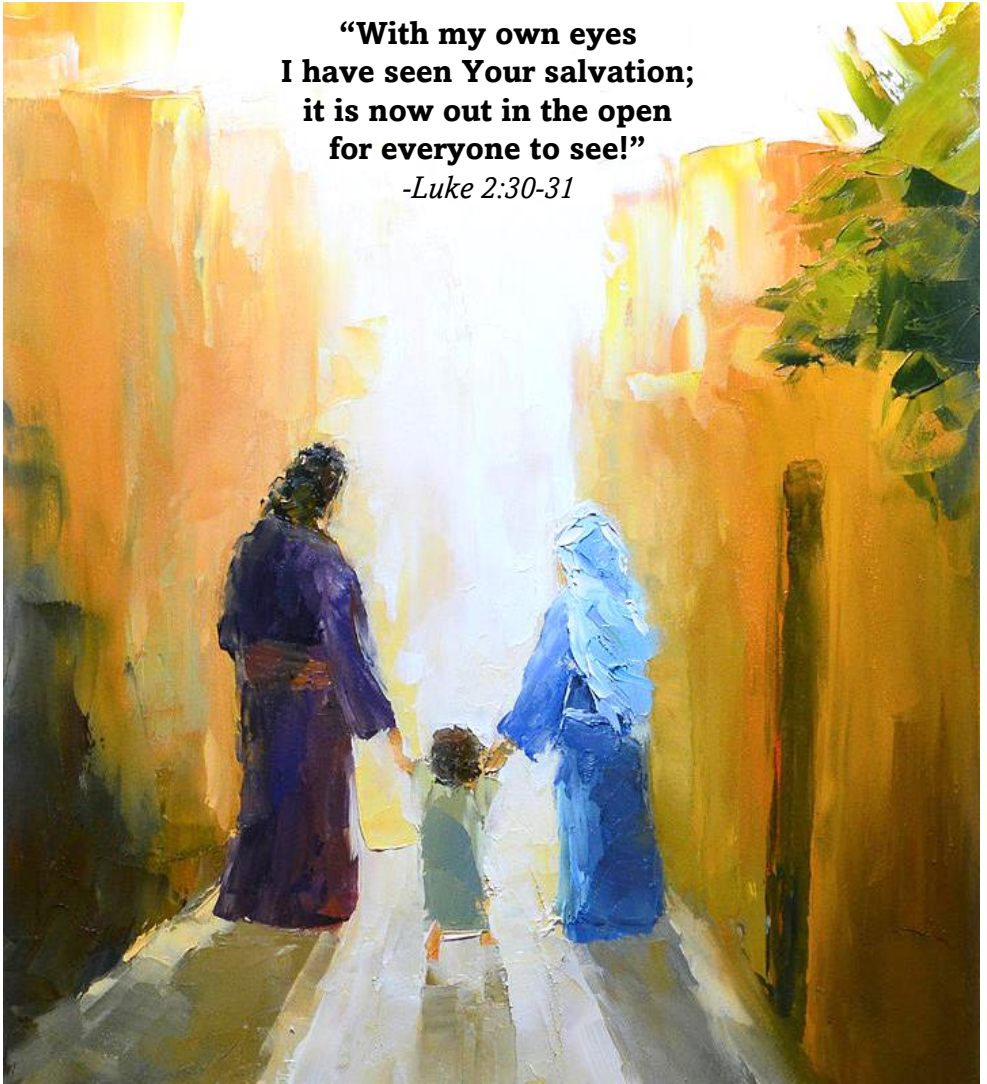


# First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 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**



## 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.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Newborn Saints Sunday

(Scripture: Simeon & Anna Meet Jesus)

January 5<sup>th</sup>

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Communion

(Scripture: Jesus as a Young Boy)

January 12<sup>th</sup>

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

(after the service)

(Scripture: Jesus is Baptized)

Second Sunday Refreshments:

*Leo & Sue Thomasgard*

January 19<sup>th</sup>

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

(Scripture: Jesus Brings Good News)

January 16<sup>th</sup>

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

(Scripture: Jesus Fishes for People)

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

MEMORYSHARE – EL CAFÉ –  
10:30A

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Mens' Breakfast – El Café –  
8:00a