

January 1, 2023, 11am

Prelude

Announcements

Choral introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord; for in mercy and abundant steadfast love, God has become our Savior. Even in times of danger and threat, we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation. With all creation, in the midst of the congregation, we praise and put our trust in God alone.

Opening Hymn ~ *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ~ No. 132

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Prayer of the Day

God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence. But you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are you. Amen.

Children's time

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Offering

Doxology ~ No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Anthem ~ *The Light Still Shines* ~ Natalie Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.**

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 16:11

¹¹Honest balances and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message ~ *Chances* ~ Della Moore

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *Joy to the World* ~ No. 134

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude

Coffee Hour

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Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Barbara & Chuck Compher	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
David Cross	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Stacey MacRae	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Gretchen Randon
Dale Isenberg	Punkie Sinesiou	Renee Ensell

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

5 ~ Wendy Brand

6 ~ Andrea Oakley

7 ~ Matthew Brenneman

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 1/1/23

Sunday – Jan. 1	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship ~ Della Moore
Tuesday - Jan. 3	6:30pm Scouts
Thursday - Jan. 5	5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - Jan. 6	10am Coffee and Conversation at North Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Jan. 8	11am Worship Noon Wreck the Halls

Please note:

- Pastor Bruce will be out of the office from Monday, December 26th until the afternoon of Thursday, January 5th.
- Andrea will be out of the office from Monday, December 26th until Tuesday, January 3rd.
- Messages will be checked during this time.