

**1st Sunday of Christmas
DECEMBER 28-29, 2024**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Worship - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
 Invocation
 Call to Worship
 Confession & Forgiveness
 Litany of Praise
 Prayer of the Day
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 Hymn of the Day
 Creed, Prayers and Peace
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The Words of Communion
 Communion
 The Lord's Prayer
 Blessing & Sending

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
 Invocation
 Confession & Forgiveness
 Opening Hymn
 Greeting
 Kyrie
 Prayer of the Day
 First Bible Reading
 Psalm of the Day
 Second Bible Reading
 Gospel Acclamation
 Today's Message
 Hymn of the Day
 Creed, Prayers & Peace
 Offertory
 Offering
 Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer
 Lamb of God & Distribution
 Blessing & Prayer
 Benediction & Sending Hymn
 Dismissal

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BULLETIN FOR
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

Today's Bible Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Pew Bible p. 214
Psalm 148	
Colossians 3:12-17	Pew Bible p. 958
Luke 2:41-52	Pew Bible p. 833

Today's Message

"Daughters and Sons of God" by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:



Praise God! Al - le - lu - ia! Heav - en and earth



praise__ God! All you peo - ples praise__ God!

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson, Katie Kay

Cancer treatments:

Friends of the congregation: Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, family of Audrey Hettrick, Heidi, Jill Eichner.

Cancer Friends: Canda, Chris

Other prayer requests:

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.