December 29, 2024

COME, BE FED, BE SENT

10:15 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

Birthdays and Anniversaries

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 100:1-2

OPENING WORSHIP

Hymn #133 O Come All Ye Faithful Hymn #119 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joyful God, You tell us that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must be like little children. Yet, it has only been just a few days since Christmas and it seems that we have already lost the youthful spark in our hearts. Forgive us, God, for having been so focused on the material aspects of the season that we have forgotten the true joy of celebrating Jesus' birth. Forgive us for hearing the nativity story and staying in our seats instead of jumping for joy. Restore onto us the joy of our salvation. Open our hearts to receiving this Good News of Great Joy that the angels said would be for all people. With gratitude and joyful expectation we pray, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Choral Anthem Come Run, Ye Shepherds
Children's Message Is Christmas Really Over?

Scripture Luke 2:21-40

Message The True Joy of Christmas Rev. Dr. Chris Montovino

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer Offering/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Special Music No Obvious Angels, Lindsay Winsor

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song Hymn #611 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school for all ages on Sunday, January 5. We will resume on January 12, 2025.

Book of Revelation Bible Study - Adult Christian Education in the New Year

Are you ready to live fully prepared and fully equipped to handle anything life throws at you? As Christians, we can be courageous and confident, knowing that God has placed us in human history for his purposes, and he will empower us regardless of our circumstances. In this eight-session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler will walk us through the book of Revelation to remind us of God's fierce, conquering, commanding authority over all the earth. So join us at 9:00am on Sunday mornings starting January 12, 2025 in the Small Conference Room off the Narthex. If you'd like some additional study material on the subject Scot McKnight's Revelation for the Rest of Us - A Prophetic Call to Follow Jesus as a Dissident Disciple would be a good companion book to pick up.

Giving Hands Ministry

Thursdays 1:30—4pm

Quilters and yarn crafters. No experience necessary. Contact Mary Oswalt or Kay Gibson for more info.

Bowling Fellowship

Mondays & Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Meet at Allen Crosley Lanes. Contact Bill Gibson for more info.

Deacon of the Month: Joan Detrick