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Saturday , January 14th  
after the 5:00 pm  
Sabbath Service

Please plan on staying after  
worship on Jan 29 for the  
Annual Congregational Meeting.



Sunday, January 22nd ~ 6:30  
At Louie's in Meridian



Hosting today's coffee fellowship is:  
Susan Pohl, Ian Bott,  
Phil and Janet Woodford.

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# What's Happening

<b>Tuesday ~ 3rd</b>	
Men's Breakfast	6:30am
Deacons	7 pm
<b>Wednesday ~ 4th</b>	
PW Gathering	11 am
Bell/Choir Rehearsal	6 & 7pm



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<b>LITURGIST, GREETER, &amp; USHERS</b>			
<b>January 1st</b>		<b>January 8th</b>	
Liturgist:	Lisa Baker	Liturgist:	Kate Savage
Greeter:	Carol Town	Greeter:	Kate Savage
Ushers:	Ruth Alm Marva Wertz	Ushers:	Gloria Levis Evan Chambers
Servers:	Carol Town Phil Woodford		Nina Chambers Maxine Wright

An open and affirming community, seeking a caring and just society.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

-S.A. HOFLUNS

### OPENING PRAYER

### VIDEO MEDITATION

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ISAIAH 60

ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISES UPON YOU.

**SEE, DARKNESS COVERS THE EARTH, AND THICK DARKNESS IS OVER THE PEOPLES,**

BUT THE LORD RISES UPON YOU AND HIS GLORY APPEARS OVER YOU.

**NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR DAWN.**

LET US WORSHIP GOD IN JOY AND PEACE.

#### \*HYMN 107 AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN

USHERS WILL COLLECT PRAYER CARDS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LOVING GOD, WITH DEEP TENDERNESS YOU ARE PRESENT IN OUR WORLD. OFTEN WE FORGET TO APPRECIATE THE CARE AND CONCERN YOU SHOW ALL YOUR PEOPLE. **WE HEAR YOUR PROMISES THAT ECHO FROM THE MANGER BUT WE FAIL TO TRUST IN YOUR GRACE. WE FAIL TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING OR LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS YOU HAVE LOVED US. WHEN WE EXCHANGE THE RICHES OF HEAVEN FOR THE GOLD OF THIS WORLD, REMIND US OF YOUR CALL TO BE YOUR PEOPLE IN THIS LAND. GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR CRIES FOR MERCY AND OPEN OUR HEARTS TO TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND RECEIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GOD IS EVER WILLING TO GRANT US FORGIVENESS BUT WE CANNOT RECEIVE IT IF WE ARE UNWILLING TO BE CHANGED BY IT. TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISE TO CALL US WHERE WE ARE NEEDED, TO BRING HELP ALONG THE WAY, AND TO WORK THROUGH OUR CONFUSION AND RESISTANCE TO BRING ABOUT GRACE AND PEACE. TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISE THAT IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN. THANKS BE TO GOD! THE PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL.

#### **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*FEEL FREE TO MOVE AROUND THE SANCTUARY AS YOU GREET ONE ANOTHER*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME. AFTERWARD, ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO REMAIN IN WORSHIP. THERE IS NURSERY CARE UPSTAIRS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AGED AND YOUNGER CHILDREN.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### **THE FIRST CHRISTMAS**

-DARWIN & JULIE WOLFORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**LIVING GOD, HELP US SO TO HEAR YOUR HOLY WORD THAT WE MAY TRULY UNDERSTAND; THAT UNDERSTANDING, WE MAY BELIEVE, AND BELIEVING, WE MAY FOLLOW IN ALL FAITHFULNESS AND OBEDIENCE, SEEKING YOUR HONOR AND GLORY IN ALL THAT WE DO.**

### SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 2:21-38**

CONGREGATION SPEAKS TOGETHER THE **BOLD-FACED** TYPED WORDS

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## SERMON

### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

### **TRIO ON AWAY IN A MANGER**

-D. LASKY

### \*DOXOLOGY HYMN 609

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

### COMMUNION

#### \*HYMN 546

#### **LORD DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING**

#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### **HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

C. UEHLEIN

#### PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

DEANNA WATSON ~ GUEST SPEAKER

SUSAN POHL ~ ORGANIST

STEPHEN MARCH & EVELYN CATES ~ SPECIAL MUSIC