

December 31, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday of Christmas

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

People: let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Leader: The grace of God has appeared,

People: bringing salvation to all. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

Hymn Sing

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #627 ~ "I Love You, Lord" (x2)

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O, my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 9:6-7

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 1:18-21

Hymn Sing

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Congregational Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

*Hymn #124 ~ "Still, Still, Still"

***Benediction**

Choral Response #100 ~ *“Canticle of the Turning”* (verse 1 and refrain)
*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

Postlude

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St. Paul's will be closed on January 1 and 2, 2024.

From Pastor Nate... Announcing the birth of Jude Arnold Achterhof

December 16, 2023 at 9:49AM ~ 8lbs.12oz; 20.25 in.

Katie and I have started a meal train. Link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gkk82m>

**Newly elected officers will be installed and reception of a new member on
Sunday, January 14, 2024.**

THANK YOU to those who have made a 2024 Stewardship commitment. And if you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider making a pledge as soon as possible so that the 2024 budget may be prepared. Goal: \$225,000.00.
To date: General Fund: \$110,958.00; BIF: \$25,725.00

SOUP FOR A CHANGE to support Redford Interfaith Relief has updated their dates and menu. Copies are available on the lobby table.

Mark your calendar - All are invited to a Congregational New Year's Party on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at noon, hosted by the Board of Deacons. Please sign up in the lobby.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers* 

Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley

Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis