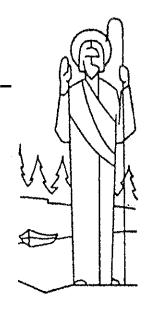


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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at

www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site

Readings for January 8, 2023:

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm: 29

2nd **Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



What's in a Name?

All names are powerful, but Jesus' name is the most powerful of all. We use names as a concise way to convey complex meanings: being able to call someone by name means you know something important about that person, and being called by name means you are known. On this day we celebrate the privilege and the power of calling God by name, as well as how deeply we know God and are known by God, through Jesus.

Our texts for today affirm the power of the name we're given at baptism: child of God. The name of God is described in active terms: being blessed and claimed in the name of God *does* something to us. It ennobles and empowers us in ways we do not deserve and did nothing to earn (Ps. 8, Num. 6:27). The name of Jesus itself is described as being a powerful actor in our world and in our lives: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10-11).

Our gospel reading from Luke finds the holy family in the midst of the ongoing extraordinary events of Jesus' birth. When the shepherds leave and the angels return to heaven, we can see a shift toward the ordinary. Luke records that Mary and Joseph made sure that Jesus went through the usual rites of passage for a Jewish boy; years pass between these milestones, unrecorded. But in his ordinary, everyday life, Jesus carried an extraordinary name. We carry the name of Jesus and the mark of his cross not only in extraordinary times, but in our ordinary, everyday lives. It's a name that is active and powerful in us and through us each day.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Masking is not required, but if you wish to wear a mask, we have them available on the table in the entryway. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later in the day.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each Sunday after worship.

The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you can.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Council meeting January 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

PASTORAL HOLIDAY DISCRETIONARY FUND:

We have purchased and distributed the grocery gift cards for Christmas. We Please mark in the memo of your check that the funds are for the Pastor's Holiday Fund.

FINANCIAL NOTES:

No information available for December 24 & 25, 2022.

MITTEN TREE UPDATE:

15 gift cards and 35 pairs of mittens were brought to the two shelter homes in Rhinelander in time for distribution for residents. Thank you for your generosity!



(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody, Sharon B., Sharon G., Trish, Courtney, Joe, and Rhett.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for those who have passed:

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Please email Bill at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or 715-542-4213 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1st, 2022

Greeting & Announcements:

INVOCATION

(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

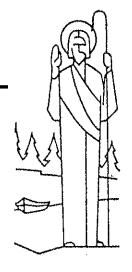
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



Gathering Song

"What child Is This" ELW 296

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent. **Christmas Litany** Luke 1: 68-79 (The Song of Zechariah, read responsively)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

The oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

To give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray;

O Lord God,

you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9

7I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
8For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior
9in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, ⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; ⁸fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars;
 wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds;

11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
12 young men and maidens, old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

13 And again.

"I will put my trust in him."

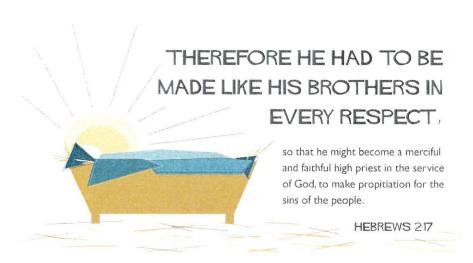
And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Holy Gospel according to......

Glory to you O Lord.

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

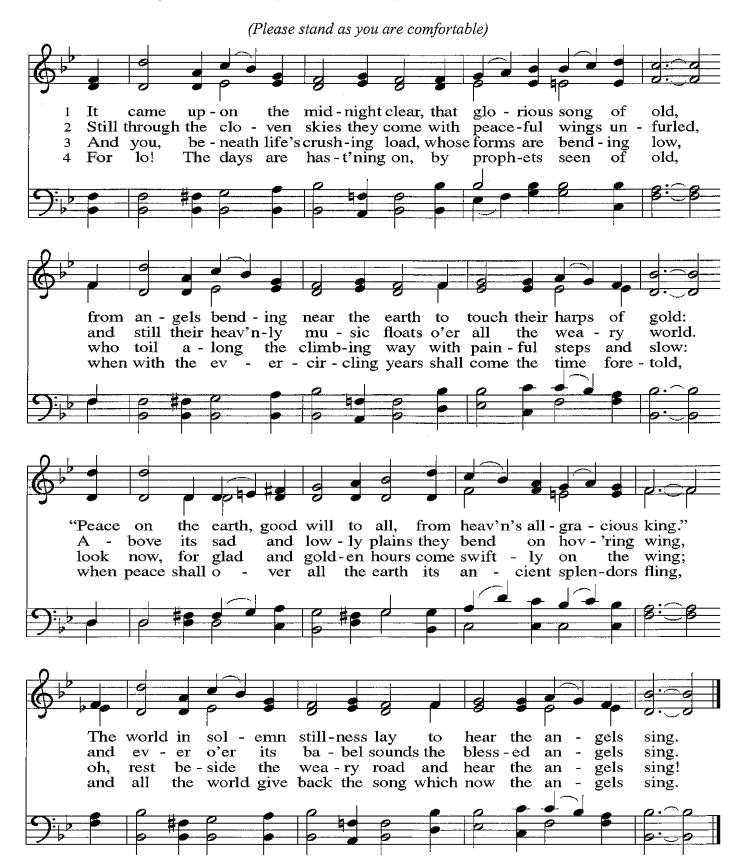
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" ELW 282 vs. 1,3,4.



Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

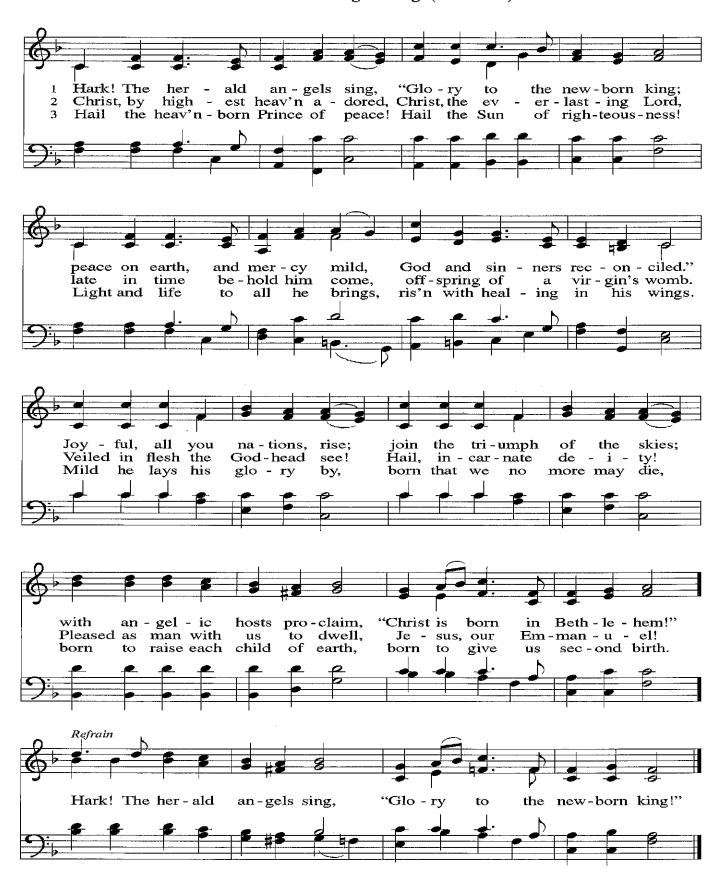
Prayers of the church

Sharing of the Peace "Please share the peace as you and your neighbor are comfortable"

(Please be seated after the peace)

As The Lord's Table is Prepared, Please Join in Singing:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (ELW 270)



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

Prayer

Good and loving God,

we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Distribution

If you wish to commune this morning, please come forward as the usher directs, one side of the sanctuary at a time.

The wine is served in either the Chalice or individual serving cups.

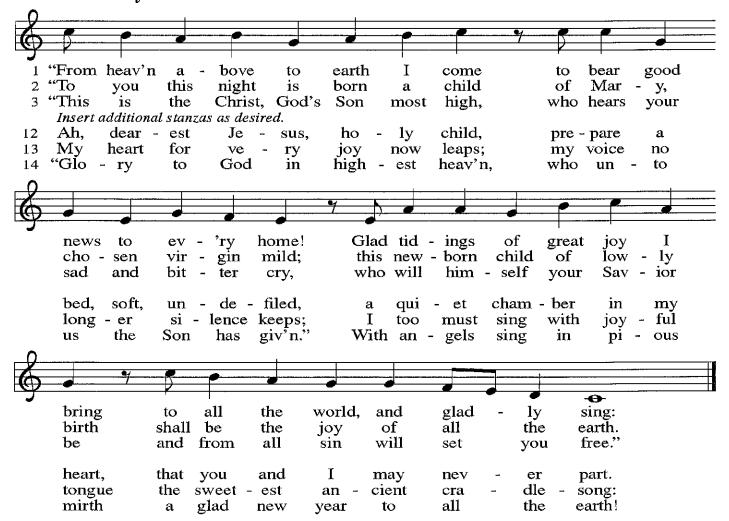
Both offer wine and an alternative of grape juice.

Both will be available to you as you approach the Altar.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE. (Please be seated)

Communion Hymns:

"From Heaven Above" ELW 268 vs. 1-3



- 4 "The blessing that the Father planned the Son holds in his infant hand, that in his kingdom, bright and fair, you may with us his glory share."
- 5 "These are the signs that you will see to let you know that it is he: in manger-bed, in swaddling clothes the child who all the earth upholds."
- 6 Now let us all with joyful cheer go with the shepherds and draw near to see this wondrous gift of God, the blessed child to us bestowed.
- Look, look, dear friends, look over there!
 What lies within that manger bare?
 Who is that lovely little one?
 The baby Jesus, God's dear Son.

- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, through whom this sinful world is blest! You turned not from our needs away; how can our thanks such live repay?
- 9 O Lord, you have created all! How did you come to be so small, to sweetly sleep in manger-bed where lowing cattle lately fed?
- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair and set with gold and jewels rare, still such a cradle would not do to rock a prince so great as you.
- 11 For velvets soft and silken stuff you have but hay and straw so rough on which as king so rich and great to be enthroned in humble state.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
Music: VOM HIMMEL HOCH, attr. Martin Luther; V. Schumann, Geistliche Lieder, 1539
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"What Feast of Love" ELW 487

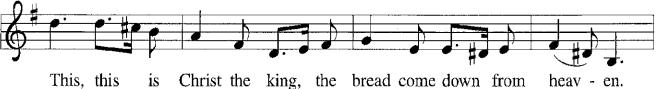
What Feast of Love



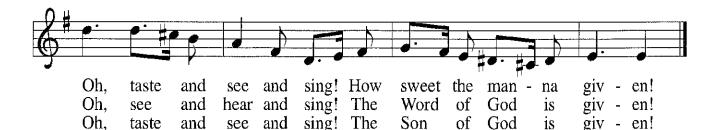
- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



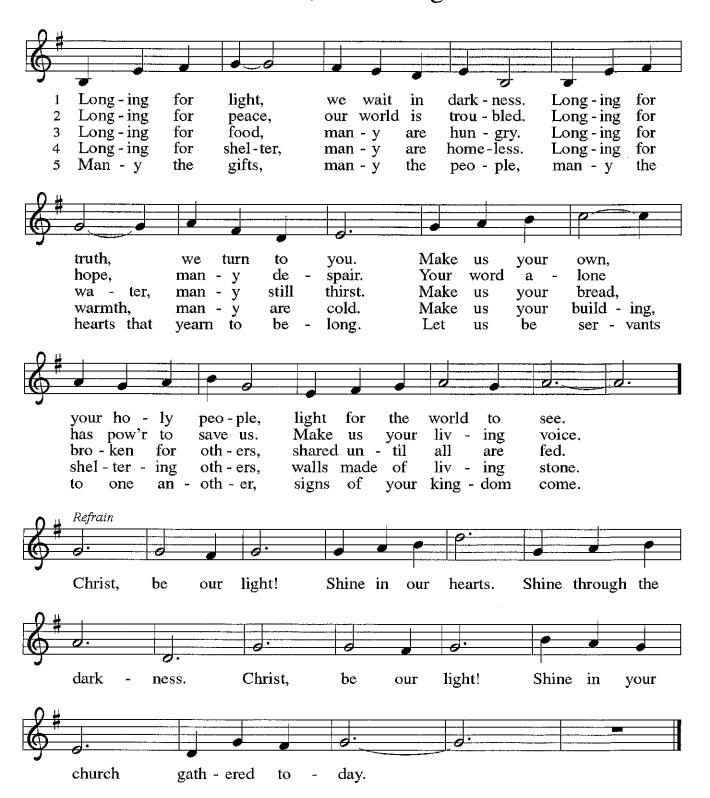
Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Christ, Be Our Light



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Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and these gifts of his body and blood strengthen and keep you, now and forever.

Amen

Communion Prayer

We give you thanks,

almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction



Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

Sending

Go in the Love, Light, and Life of the newborn Christ, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of January 2 - 8, 2023

Wednesday	January 4, 2023	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	January 5, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	January 8, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	January 8, 2023	Brunch	

Next Council Meeting:

January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Chili Dinner in February

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of additional events and worship services.

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