

10:30 Worship December 27, 2020
1st Sunday of Christmas
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader Les Powell
Prelude

*Salutation and Call to Worship:
There is good news of great joy for all!

Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
The glory of God's people and a light to all.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn: *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"* Hymnal #182 (Choir only)

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:

O Lord, God, we confess that we fail to live in Your light. You reveal Your saving love, but we hide Your love from others. We have received the baby Jesus into our lives but are slow to make the risen Lord the ruler of our hearts. Forgive us, God of grace. Let Your will be done in our lives so that we may grow in grace and live in peace according to Your word, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

*Assurance of Pardon:

Light has entered our darkness; forgiveness is granted, and guilt is banished.

In Jesus Christ, God's costly and unmerited gift, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734 (Music only)
Walks with Jesus Les Powell
First Scripture: Isaiah 61:1—62:3 Pew Bible #724

Prayers of the People (see list below)

and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* Hymnal #232 (Choir only)

*Recognition of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymnal #34 (Choir only)
*Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40 Pew Bible #993
Sermon: *"A New Righteousness"* Rev. Glenn Coleman
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle's Creed Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* Hymn #748 (Choir only)
*Charge and Blessing
*Postlude

Ushers will dismiss by row, please maintain social distanced
*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Shut-in/not attending: Pattie Grubbs NA

- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Ushers – serving today James Edmunds at the North door and Paige Powell* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Caroline Edmunds. Audio: Don Cherry.

Children's Church and Nursery: These continue to be temporarily suspended.

This Week's Announcements

Virtual Poinsettia Ministry – There is still time to participate in the Virtual Poinsettia ministry and donate one or more in honor, or in memory, of loved ones. The cost has remained \$25 per poinsettia. Dollars above the actual cost will be used to help buy wreaths and garlands for outside the church and the rest will be given to a local charity. See enclosed form. So far, we have collected \$550. See insert for order form and those who have been honored or memorialized with a poinsettia.

New Church Service Time – Worship will return to 11:00 am on Sunday mornings beginning January 3. Sunday School for youth and adults will be 10:00 am.

Ladies Circle – Our next meeting of the Ladies Circle will be Tuesday, January 5 at 10:30 am in the Philathea Room. Bob Hughes will be our guest speaker. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and words from Bob. All women are invited.

Men of the Church – The men will not meet together until January 7th. Enjoy the holidays and time with family.

Stewardship – Please pray about your stewardship, and recognizing God's blessings in your life. Know how important you are, and realize that without your help and support we cannot function; we need each and every member. So far, we have received pledges totaling 56.6% of the budget for 2021. Thanks for those who have turned in their pledge cards. If you have not returned your pledge card, please get them into the office as soon as possible.

Upper Rooms – January/February issue now available at both entrances as well as the foyer, pick one up as you enter/leave church, or stop by during the week, while supplies last.

Good Samaritan – Please consider helping the Good Samaritan this Fall, and Winter with necessary food and clothing items. They are always in need of canned meats (proteins) such as: Tuna, corned beef hash, peanut butter, chicken, Spam, etc. They have also requested clothing items. With winter here, many need additional warm clothing. Financial donations are always accepted, mark checks and/or envelope accordingly.

Pledges and Offerings – We will continue to accept 2021 pledges and 2020 offerings through January 8th. The 2020 year- end statements will be sent out before the end of January; you can have in time for your taxes.

Stephen Ministry – Please pray for our Stephen Ministers, reach out to the church office for more information.

Happy New Year! – May 2021 be a healthier, safer year for with the faithful Christians speaking up and standing for righteousness stronger than ever.

Calendar

Sunday, December 27 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School
 10:00 am – Youth Sunday School
 10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, December 29 12 noon – NA

Wednesday, December 30 12 noon – AA
 No Choir tonight

Thursday, December 31 Church office will be Closed
 No Men of the Church
 8:00 pm - AA

Friday, January 1 New Year's Day - Church office closed



Church Staff
 Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor
 Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
 Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
 Doris Koch, Church Treasurer
 Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton
 Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader

Session
 Rev. Glenn Coleman - Moderator

Class of 2020
 Linda Lumsden
 Donald Cherry
 Sandi Hughes, Clerk

Class of 2021
 Carol Foster
 Carter Henderson
 Mike Koch

Class 2022
 Mike Freshour
 Robert Guthrie
 Mike Rand

Diaconate
 Diane Greene, Chairman

Class of 2020
 Kelly Chappell
 Diane Greene
 Sue Wilkins

Class of 2021
 Joanna Hughes
 Paige Powell
 Terri Smith

Class of 2022
 Michaella Freshour
 Lorene Gilliam
 Pattie Grubbs

Richard Harrell III
 (2020)

Trustees
 Michael M. Rand
 (2021)

Leon Plaster
 (2022)

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

Paige Powell
 (2019)

Tee Godbold
 (2021)

Terri Smith
 (2022)



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 Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Mission Statement
"Growing God's Presence"
Foundational Principles
 Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
 Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love
Values
 Committed~Servant Heart~
 Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery or Children's Church will be provided at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.
 5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.
 Worship every Sunday 10:30 am;
 Sunday School 9:30 am every Sunday
 Youth Sunday School 10:00 am every Sunday

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