

## PRAYER NEEDS FOR OUR PEOPLE

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Imani Blocker, USA  
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Our prayers are with the family and friends of retired **Master Sgt. Jack Vicory**, who passed away on Saturday, December 17. The visitation is Monday, 12/26, at 6 PM at Chance & Hydrick. The graveside funeral service will be Tuesday at 10 AM at Hillcrest Cemetery.

## THANK YOU ALL

To the wonderful members of our Burns Church family for the very generous Christmas gift. Each staff member received just over \$ 200. **Muchas Gracias!**

## FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

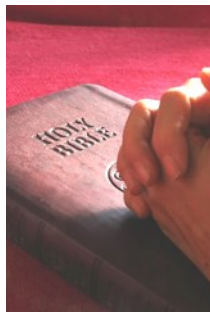
Thank you to Doris, Ellen, Mary, Nita and Diane for covering the front office while Dee is on vacation. They will be working from 9 AM to 12 PM. Thank you so much!

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-20-2000  
'JESUS, WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY  
GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF  
PEACE' IS A BIT LONG FOR THIS FORM  
... YOU MIGHT WANT TO JUST USE  
'JESUS'

## COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST



The Alleluia Community is hosting the Community Prayer Breakfast this month. The meeting is at **8 AM, Tuesday, December 27**, in the school cafeteria (2319 Peach Orchard Road). The prayer meeting is followed by a simple breakfast. Everyone is welcome!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING MOVED TO DECEMBER 27



Tuesday night, **December 27**, members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ascension Lutheran Church, the Alleluia Community, and Burns Methodist will gather to sing and celebrate the birth of our Lord. We will gather at **5 PM** in the Family Life Center at Burns and then divide into teams to carol in the community! The plan is to be back at Burns around 7:30 PM for hot chocolate, cookies and fellowship. All are welcome!

## UNDECORATING DAY

The Christmas decorations this year were beautiful, and have been wonderful to enjoy this Christmas Season! However, it is time to take them down for another year. Undecorating is scheduled for **Monday, January 2**, starting at **9 AM**. The time to pack up is usually less than when we put them up, so we will probably have them taken down, packed up, and stored away by 10:00 AM.



## QUOTABLE

“And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.”

— Theodor Geisel “Dr. Seuss” (1904-1991)



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
December 24, 2022  
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God With Us

Prelude

Video Clip

Welcome & Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle as a sign to the world that in the City of David a Savior was born, who is Christ the Lord.

**We no longer have to fear the darkness for our light has come.**

We no longer have to fear death, for our hope has come.

**We are no longer alone, for Emmanuel has come!**

Invocation

Hymn # 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

First Reading Luke 1:26-33

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you! 29

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Hymn # 211 (Vs. 1, 6) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Second Reading Luke 1:34-38

34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." 35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. 36 What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. 37 For the word of God will never fail." 38 Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Hymn # 229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Reading Luke 1:39-45

39 A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town 40 where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. 41 At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled

with the Holy Spirit. 42 Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. 43 Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? 44 When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. 45 You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Duet Mary Did You Know?  
Bill Williams & Inger Romero-Hurt

Fourth Reading, Responsively Luke 1:46b-55

46b Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. 47 How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

**48 For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.**

49 For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. 50 He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.

**51 His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.**

52 He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.

**54 He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. 55 For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."**

Hymn # 230 (Vs. 1-2) O Little Town of Bethlehem

Fifth Reading Luke 2:1, 3-7

1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. this census.3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. 4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5 He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. 7 She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Solo O Holy Night  
Joey Hilliard

Sixth Reading Luke 2:8-15

8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the

Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." 15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Hymn # 240 (Vs. 1, 3) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Seventh Reading Luke 2:16-20

16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. 17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, 19 but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. 20 The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

Hymn # 251 (Vs. 1, 3) Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Ritual of Holy Communion # 12

Hymn # 239 Silent Night

Benediction  
May the peace of Christ be with you all both this night and forevermore.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Postlude

*Pianist: Mike Kelley*

*Pastor: John Donaldson*

