

# Welcome to The Well

simple church. deep faith.

## 2024 December 29 First Sunday after Christmas

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Prelude – “Worthy of Worship”

*Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

\*Procession of the Cross- “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together.*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

## Announcements and Schedule

### Studies this Week:

Wednesday -10:30am Bible Study – Not this week

6:30pm – Women’s Group– Not this week

6:30pm– Men's Group – Not this week

Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– Not this week

*We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.*

**Prayer for the Coming Year:** Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace, and our comfort in this New Year. As we enter the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your Light and give your Spirit that we may walk in your ways, seek your will and treasure your Word. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us.

Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in the new year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits according to your Word. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us. .  
**Amen.**

May the New Year bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings. Here's to looking back in gratitude for the past year and looking forward to new beginnings!

Thank you for the cards, gifts and kindness over the Christmas Season. I love and am honored being your pastor. Wishing you a year filled with opportunities, good health, and prosperity. God's blessing to you and yours! Pastor Tom

**Upcoming Dates:** January 8<sup>th</sup> – Prayer and Healing Service – 7:00pm  
At Heritage at Wyndhurst Clubhouse – beside the Neighbor’s Place,  
104 Paulette Cir. 24502

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**Prayer List**

Call to Worship – Psalm 111

\*Hymn #191 “Birthday of a King”

First Lesson – Exodus 13.1-3a, 11-15

Call to Prayer #186 “Joy Has Dawned”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Colossians 3.12-17

Offertory

*“Great is The Lord”*

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel- Luke 2.22-40      **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon– “Your Greatest Gift if Used Correctly”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

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.**

The Unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*“Hallelujah”*

\*Hymn #208 “Away in a Manger”

\*Benediction with Choral Response

\*Dismissal and Recessional

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Chris Griffin, Jean Moriety, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Lora Drinkard, Marion Mantz, Mamie Wetzel, Ned Atkins, Larry Shepley, Greg Anderson & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation and people in Israel

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,

The people of Turkey and Syria

The coming New Year!

Agnes Lowry Campbell, recovering from knee surgery

Chuck Bucklew, father of Web’s friend, with esophageal cancer

Teddy Brill

Linda Sparrow, cancer

John Griffin

Ellen Brantley

Ryland French, 11 year old girl with an inoperable brain tumor

Steve Cawthorne, diabetes

Danny Coffman

Glen and Ruth Harvey

Kay and Bobb Rasor

Valerie Soma, with cancer, and her family

Gail Everett, recovering from knee surgery

Dustin Formom, farm accident

Zoe Purvis, Judy Wimmer’s granddaughter

Patty Miller

Barbara Smith, Tonni’s mom

Winston Brill, Tony’s dad

Debbie Morse

Paul Balderson, recovering from surgery.

Bob Bertotski, cancer, friend of Larry Shepley

Trevor, friend of the Griffins

Tiffany Reynolds and Hank Adams, cancer

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother-in-law, great improvement from surgery

Jessie Doss

April Stephens’ mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes