

**Third Sunday in Advent
December 17, 2023**

**John ... came
as a witness
to testify
to the light.**

JOHN 1:6-7, ESV

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WE WELCOME YOU in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today!

Communion Note

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
We Are Waiting and Giving Witness
December 17, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Advent is the season of waiting! As we wait, we have a special job to do. We joyfully get ready for Jesus' arrival by remembering the ministry of John the Baptist, who came as a witness to Christ, the light of the world. John himself was not the light, nor was he the centerpiece of God's plan to save the world; no, John's life was dedicated to preparing the way before the Lord and to get people ready for Jesus coming to the rescue of His people. In many ways, we are invited to be like John. Through our personal witness to Christ in our interpersonal relationships with others, God is working through us so that others will come to know His Son. Our goal is not only to trust in Jesus for ourselves but also to let the world know that He is coming to save them too. And His soon-to-come arrival will be well worth the wait!

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN 349 HARK THE GLAD SOUND

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820 Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 40:1–3

Pastor I waited patiently for the LORD;
People He inclined to me and heard my cry.
Pastor He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
People and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
Pastor He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
People Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

Pastor That we may rejoice in the great things our forgiving God does for us, let us together confess our sins before Him.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of looking to Jesus and following Him in faith, we have gone astray by disobeying Your Word. Instead of giving bold witness to You, we have kept silent and withheld Your grace from others. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to

Pastor “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.” Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, removing our sins from us and declaring us blameless in His sight through faith in Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7*

Pastor Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

People and grant us Your salvation.

Pastor Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

People for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Pastor Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

People that glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

People and our land will yield its increase.

Pastor Righteousness will go before Him

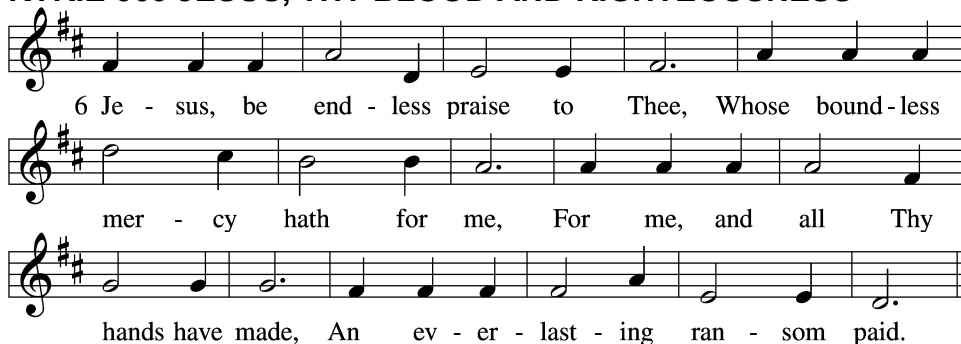
People and make His footsteps a way.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

People and grant us Your salvation.

KYRIE 563 JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



6 Je - sus, be end - less praise to Thee, Whose bound - less
mer - cy hath for me, For me, and all Thy
hands have made, An ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers.

People **Embolden our witness to the true light that overcomes our darkness;**

Pastor for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 (The Lord’s righteousness will “sprout up before all the nations.”)

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 (Rejoice always.)

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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HOLY GOSPEL John 1:6–8, 19–28 (The testimony of John the Baptist)

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
People Glory to You, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to You, O Christ.



HYMN OF THE DAY 345 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.

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YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE

SERMON John 1:6,8, 19-28 "You Can't Judge a Book by its Cover."

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.

*We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.*

OFFERTORY 785 WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *1 Thessalonians 5:16–17; Psalm 105:1–4*

- Pastor** Because it is our Father’s will for His children to pray, let us “rejoice always, pray without ceasing,” giving thanks in all circumstances.
Gracious Father, when the time had fully come, You sent Your Son into our world to bear our sin and be our Savior. By His suffering and death, by His resurrection and ascension, by His reign at Your right hand and promise to come again, we are given joyful hearts and confidently bring our prayers before Your throne of grace. Your kingdom is the eternal kingdom, O God, and we are blessed to witness to all peoples the saving work You have accomplished in Christ, our Lord and King.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
- People** **make known His deeds among the peoples!**
- Pastor** Mighty God, stretch forth Your hand and defend Your people from all effects of sin and death, giving victory over the enemy of darkness by shining into our world the light of Your truth. Work in our midst as the mighty fortress of our lives, providing protection to those who labor for the benefit of others and to those who wear the uniform of our land. Grant wisdom to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, and reach into every troubled corner of the world to bestow upon us Your mercy and peace.
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
- People** **tell of all His wondrous works!**
- Pastor** Savior of the nations, by our Baptism into Your death and resurrection, You clothe us with Your righteousness and fill us with Your Spirit. You have enabled our hearts to believe and our mouths to confess Your saving name. Lord Jesus, take away from us any fear or doubt, any hesitancy or reluctance to share with others the hope that is within us. Open doors of opportunity for us to be like John the Baptist, giving faithful testimony to You and preparing the way for Your coming kingdom.
Glory in His holy name;
- People** **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**
- Pastor** Great Physician of body and soul, take great care of all those who are suffering in physical pain, mental illness, emotional stress, and broken relationships. Comfort Your people who are sad and lonely. Warm all troubled hearts with the assurance of Your never-failing presence. Grant wholeness and healing to those in need, [*especially . . .*]. We give You thanks, Lord God, in all circumstances, including our struggles, for we know that You are working all things together for the good of those

who love You and have been called according to Your purpose.

Seek the LORD and His strength;

People seek His presence continually!

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, waiting in joyful expectation for Your coming kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away our sin, giving witness to the light of the world, whose coming scatters the darkness of death. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS 790 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneueren Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People In Your boundless mercy You sent Your witness, John the Baptist, to point us toward Christ and His coming kingdom.

Pastor With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim

His death until He comes again in glory. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

People Our Father who art in heaven,

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI 338 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

1 Come, Thou long-ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt. Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven Text and tune: Public domain



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COMMUNION HYMN 333 ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



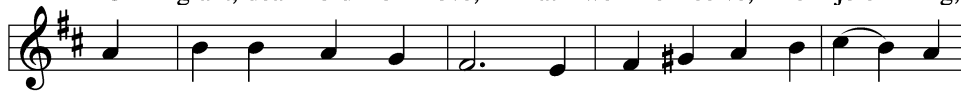
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547; (sts. 1, 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006 Tune: Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534 Text (sts. 2–3): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000255 Text (sts. 1, 4) and tune: Public domain

COMMUNION HYMN 346 WHEN ALL THE WORLD WAS CURSED



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



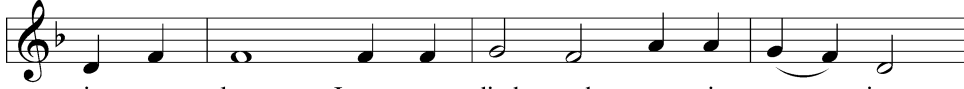
And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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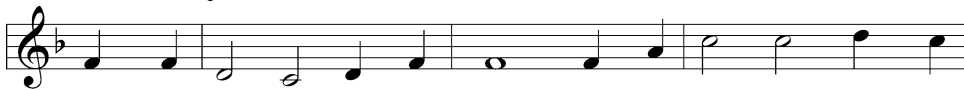
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS



3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 921 ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.

low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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PRAYERS

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting

Phyllis Dunger

Melodie Bradley

Kimberly Brinkerhoff

Joann Wessels Rook

Lynne Russell

Millie Kroll

JP Dunger

Don Richter

Zac Dodge

Mike McKenzie

Sherry Reed

Lloyd Wessels

Bettye Johnson

Dorothy Herrod

Siri Richter

Pete Smykla

Waymond Meins

Gene Forrest, recovering from shoulder surgery

Danny Forrest, heart problems

Carroll Sanders, friend of Pat Baughman, in burn unit in VA Hospital in Little Rock

Randy Thorpe, Cathy Webb's brother, recovering from open heart surgery and CLL (Leukemia)

Kasen Harris, Grandson of Carol Michael's best friend, health concerns

Candace Hogue, lung cancer

William Hogue, Betty Bennett Carter Johnson's son-in-law, major stroke

Amy Ingle, (a Pastor friend's wife) - breast cancer

James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

Emmett Jernigan - healing from colon surgery

Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners

Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer

David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer

Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter—heart & health concerns

Ginger Burrer Segner, cancer

Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3rd time

Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests.

Sharon Niswonger, Cancer

Prayers for the Sayers family for answers, on their missing daughter Sam

Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment.

Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune

disease called CIDP
Ruby Green, health concerns
Georgetta Gregory, health concerns
Princella Gardner, cancer
Linda Morris, Cancer
Dan & Betty Rice
Monte Coleman, health concerns
Prayers for those on our hearts

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins.
For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1st Responders,
Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our worship video:

Worship service on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLdiudmTBDQaGQ>

Voters Meeting after worship

5:00 Worship in Crossett

9:30 Tuesday the P.B.Q.G. Meets

6:30 Wednesday is our 3rd Mid-week Advent worship

Wednesday at 10:00 Newsletter Committee

10:00 Thursday Bible Study

All Poinsettia orders need to be in today

It is time for the Lutheran Witness subscriptions to be renewed. The church pays for the subscription, and we ask the members to make a donation towards the subscriptions. The cost is still \$15.00

Flower sign-up sheets for 2024 are on the table in the Narthex. Price will be \$35.00 in 2024

Trinity notebooks are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick one up

2024 Calendars from Ralph Robinson Funeral Home are available for pickup on the table in the Narthex.

Pictures for our new photo directory are taking place on Sundays. If you cannot make it on a given Sunday, make arrangements with Pastor or Donna to have one done during the week.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!

**In His Service This Week
December 17th–December 24th**

Sunday, December 17th, 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
10:45 Worship w/communion
12:00 Voter's Meeting
5:00 Worship in Crossett

Tuesday, December 19th

9:30 P.B.Q.G.

Wednesday, December 20th

10:00 Newsletter Committee
6:30 Mid-Week Advent worship

Thursday, December 21st

10:00 Bible Study

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

No Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:45 Worship with Communion
6:30 Christmas Eve Worship

Text for next Sunday - Is. 7:10-14
 1 John 4:7-16
 Matt. 1:18-25

Attendance: SS/ABC - 19 Mid-Week Advent: 17 Online: 2
Worship: - 39 Online - 6

The Flowers that grace our altar this morning are provided by **Pete Smykla "In memory of Sylvia"**

