Peace Lutheran Church

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 12, 2021

As We Gather Following the old church custom, the theme for this Sunday is "Rejoice!" On the Advent wreath the solitary pink candle is lighted. Along with the two candles from the preceding Sundays in Advent, the increasing light shows we are now getting closer and closer to the nativity birth of our Savior---Christmas! Only one more candle remains to be lit!

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher

RINGING OF THE BELL

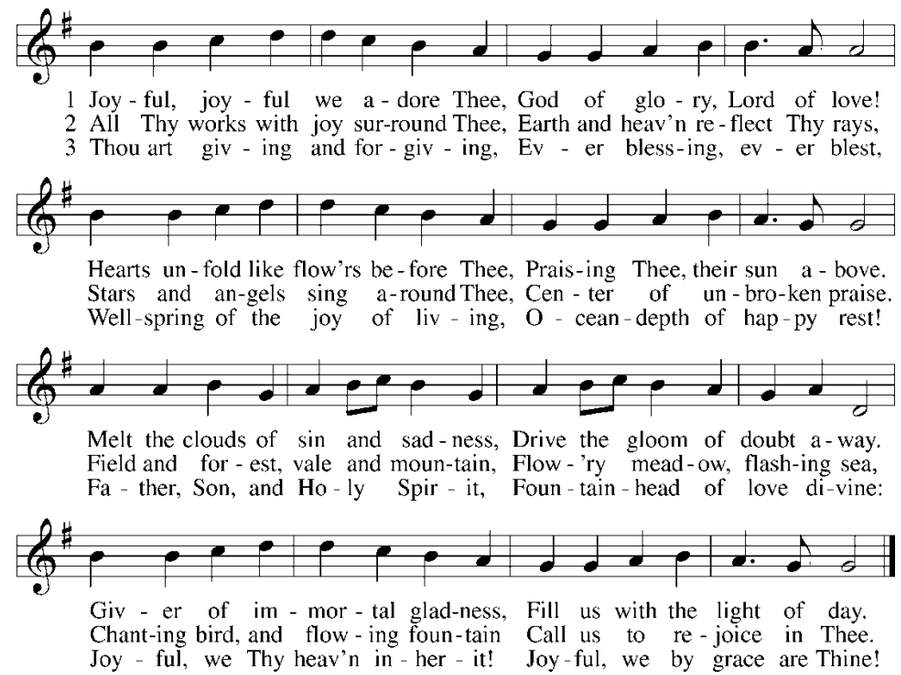
PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

People: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Pastor: "It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make You a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
Isaiah 49:6

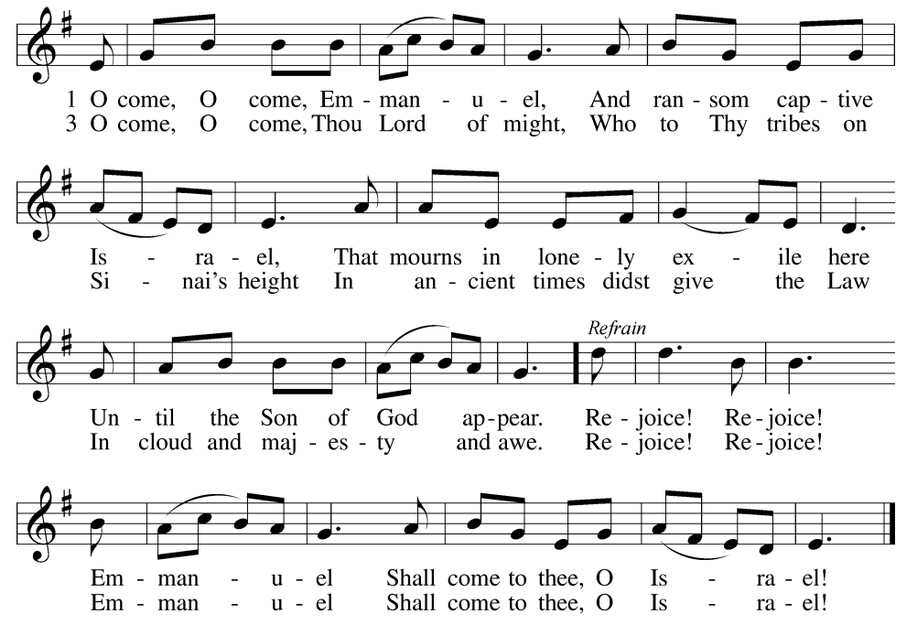
People: Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and Life.

Pastor: Until that day, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN DURING LIGHTING

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Through the prophet Zephaniah the Lord tells His people to rejoice and not to fear, because He is in our midst.

People: We confess that we have too often let the problems and come-ons of this world distract us from God's protection and blessings. We have not recognized His presence among us. We repent and ask God to restore us to more confident faith and rejoicing.

Pastor: In urging us to rejoice and offer our prayers with thanksgiving, St. Paul promises that God's peace will guard our hearts and minds.

People: We confess that we have been anxious about many things. Our prayers have not been offered confidently. We repent of all our sin and ask God to protect us so that both our thoughts and our emotions may reflect the peace that He provides.

Pastor: Jesus proclaimed John the Baptist as the promised messenger to prepare His way.

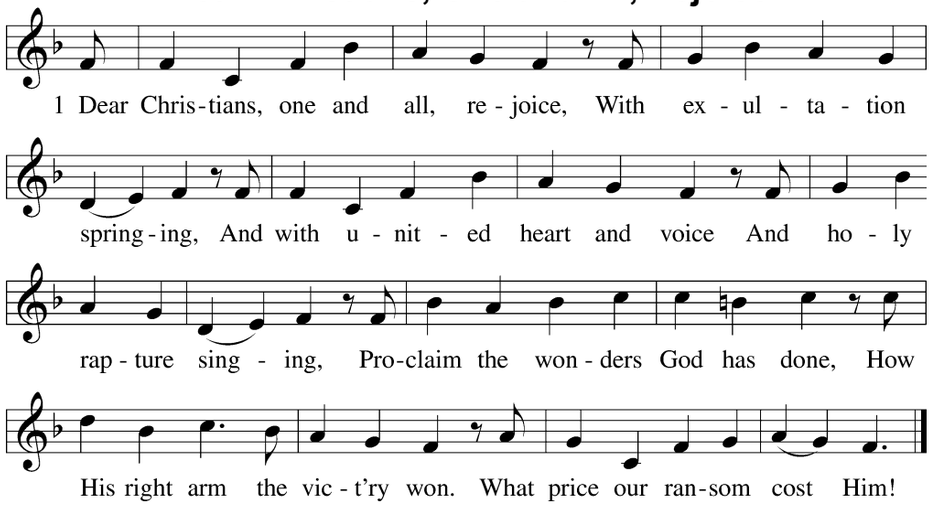
People: We confess that we have failed to tell others about our Lord's victory over physical and spiritual sickness, and even death itself. We repent and ask God to open doors of opportunity so that we may be His messengers in our day.

(*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*.)

Pastor: Rejoice! I will say it again, Rejoice! Our heavenly Father has sent His Son, who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil. By His death He has paid for all our sins. God stands ready to hear every prayer and to meet our needs on every level so that rejoicing may abound. We rejoice together this morning for many things, but most of all that by our faith in Jesus apart from works, all our sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN **"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**



5 God said to His belovèd Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

PSALM 85:1-13

Pastor: LORD, you were favorable to your land;
People: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of your people;
People: you covered all their sin.

Pastor: You withdrew all your wrath;
People: you turned from your hot anger.

Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
People: and put away your indignation toward us!

Pastor: Will you be angry with us forever?
People: Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Pastor: Will you not revive us again,
People: that your people may rejoice in you?

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
People: and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
People: 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: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Pastor: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
People: and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Pastor: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
People: and our land will yield its increase.

Pastor: Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

COLLECT (Prayer for the Day)

Pastor: Let us pray.
You came, Lord Christ, when the time was fulfilled. And we know You will come again when the time is ripe. We see that darkness overtakes the earth and shrouds the people. You say that in this darkness a great light shall rise up. Help us all to see it. Let the light be so clear that even our blind eyes see it and that all nations may walk in it. For Your name's sake.
People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Zephaniah 3:14-20
(*The daughter of Zion rejoices over returning home after years of captivity*.)

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

EPISTLE READING . . . . . Philippians 4:4-7
(*The Philippians are encouraged to rejoice in the Lord always*.)

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

HANDBELL CHOIR… "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

HOLY GOSPEL. . . . . Luke 7:18-28
(*John the Baptist and disciples question if Jesus is the Christ--the One who is to come.)*

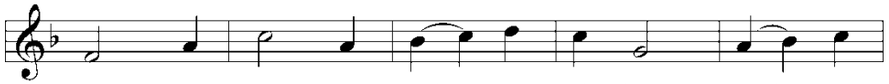
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(*The Gospel is read.*)

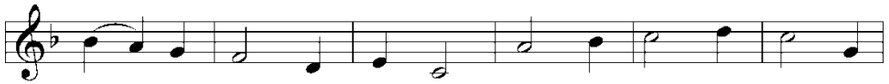
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to You O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY

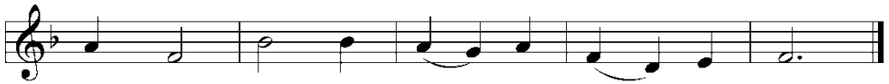
"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.

5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.

6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above.

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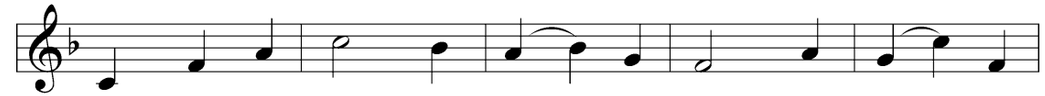
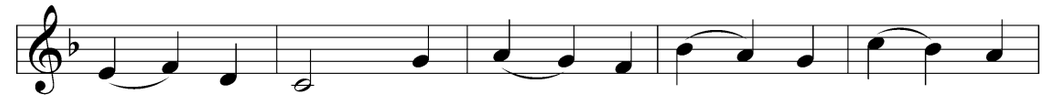
MESSAGE Maybe You Can't Buy Peace And Joy And Happiness,
But You Can Still Buy Bacon, Which Is About The Same Thing:
Counting The Real Cost Of Christmas
Pastor Rob Rebensal

HYMN

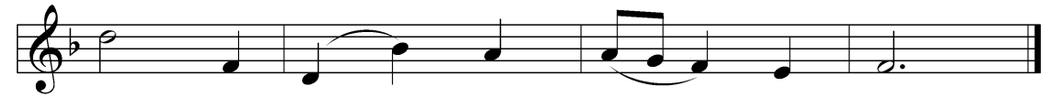
"Hark the Glad Sound"



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.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

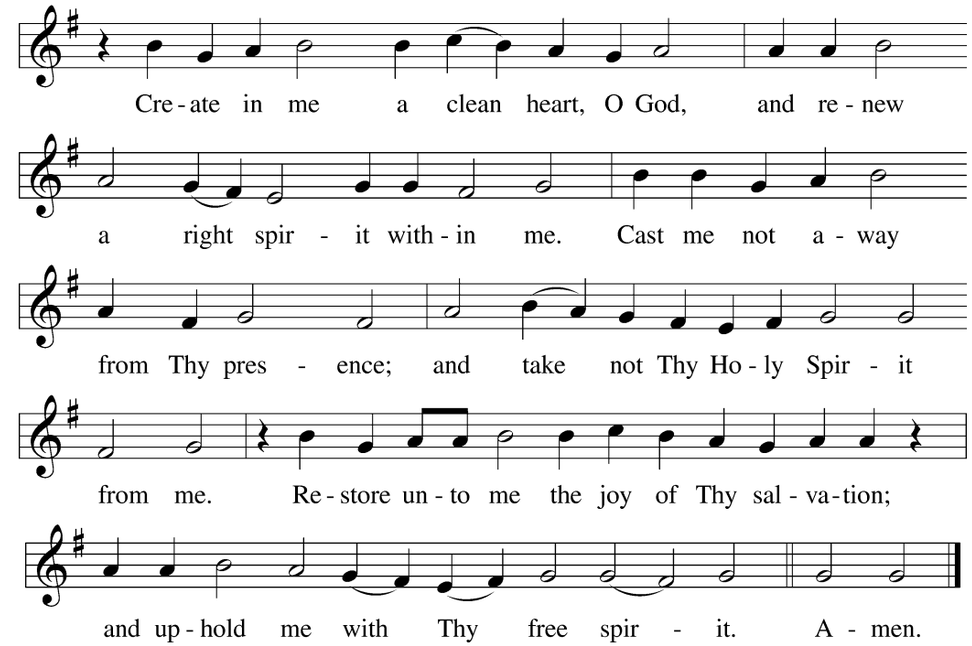
OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

"Create In Me"



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

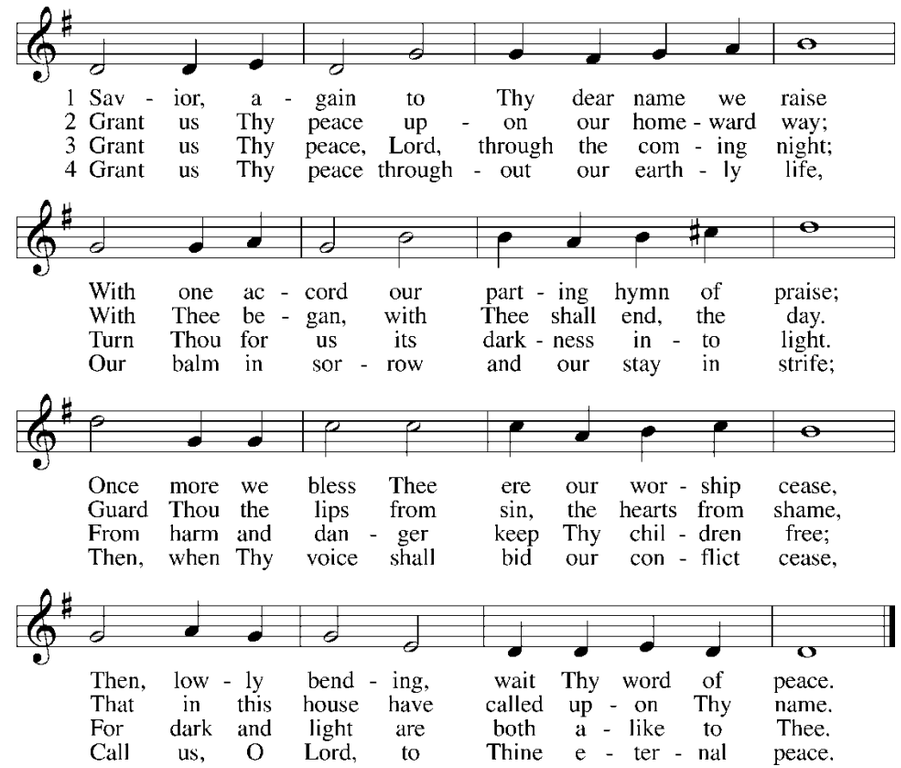
BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Carol Yung in memory of her husband Ron; also given by Connie Morris in memory of her husband Paul.

ATTENDANCE ON 12/5/21: 8:00-**45** 9:30-**40** 11:00-**45** Total-**130**
Sunday School -**9**
Wednesday Advent 12/8: **62**

*THOSE WHO SERVE US **TODAY** December 12, 2021*

	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Blaine Wanke	Phil Hamilton/ Bob Weaver	Bob Hutchison
Greeters:			Susan Klein
Readers:	Blaine Wanke	Peter Lee	Craig Frye
Acolytes:	Shane Muller		Marisa Denninger
Ushers:	Craig Frye		Rick Poore
	Karen Taylor		
	Gary Taylor		
	Bill Young		
Altar Care:	Lori Schultze		
	Karen Rusch		
Organist:	Karen Foote		
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse		

***NEXT** SUNDAY December 19, 2021*

Children's Program & Traditional Service
One Service 10AM

Peace Christmas Party following service

THIS WEEK AT PEACE December 12, 2021

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Services
9:30 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: *Office closed*

Tuesday: ++++++++

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:30 pm Women's A&AA Family Support
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation

Saturday: 10:00 am Praise Band practice

Sunday: 10:00 am Children's Program & Traditional Service
Peace Christmas Party
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 12, 2021

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Taking a break 11/24-1/6. A new study will begin with *"Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord"* on **Thursdays,** 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our study will also be available on Zoom. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY- LifeLight will begin again in January.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the Gospel of John. If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt @ 805-482-3867.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will take a break until Jan. 18th. More info contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail footstepps@verizon.net.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

IN-SERVICE CHILD CARE NEEDED- We are still planning to re-open our Nursery in the Fellowship Hall, and need 2 people to care for the children during the 9:30am & the 11am service. A paid position, contact the church office.

TOY DRIVE-Social Concerns and Peace Preschool are partnering in the annual Happy Birthday, Mason toy drive for foster children in Ventura County. Boxes are set up in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. New unwrapped toys, games or sporting equipment, for ages 14 and under, can be dropped off until **Monday December 13th**. Additionally, any non-perishable, unexpired food items can be donated.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers for 2022. The signup sheet is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please chose your favorite month and volunteer to help with this important work. Sign up with your spouse or a friend, or if you prefer, you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in volunteering, there are mentors to help you. If you have any questions about what it entails, call Linda Young at 805 236-4820 or Carol Yung at 805 504-6876.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are $35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 11:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

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Memorial Service- *On* Friday 12/17/21 at 11am a live stream service at Shepherd of the Hills in Prescott AZ, *https://www.prescottshepherd.org* can be viewed for our former secretary, Cheryl Sanders. Cheryl passed away 12/3/21.

December 15th…..6pm Soup Supper/7pm Advent Service
December 16th/17th…..12:15pm Preschool program
December 19th….10am Sunday School Program:
(ONE SERVICE ONLY) Peace Christmas Party following service
December 24th….5&7pm Christmas Eve Services
December 25th…..10am Christmas Service
December 26th…..10am Worship Service

Pray for…

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Brandee Brand, Edith Braukis, Terry Breckinridge, Patrick & Melodie Davis, Marshall Denninger, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Tina Gingerich, Larry Goesch, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Jacque Hendricks (Pat Massey's daughter in-law), Rick Mahlke, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Brett Manzer, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Ron Peace, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mark Reuter, Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Fred Sanders, Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Todd White, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Chris and Amy Obermier, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

Also remember their families in your prayers .