



NORTHDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH TAMPA, FL DECEMBER 20, 2020

Northdale Lutheran Church and School

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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

- Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.
- Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. *Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.*
- Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.



WORSHIP THEME

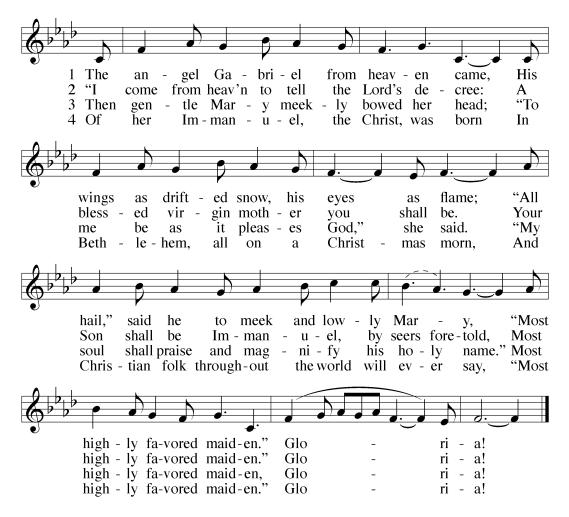
Be Ready to Receive God's Gift

CALL TO WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE "SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT" IS A VERSION OF THE HISTORIC LITURGY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

OPENING HYMN, CW #24, "THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME"



Text: Basque carol, paraphrase Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt. Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE (10 10 12 10) Basque carol.

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

- M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you

CONFESSION

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



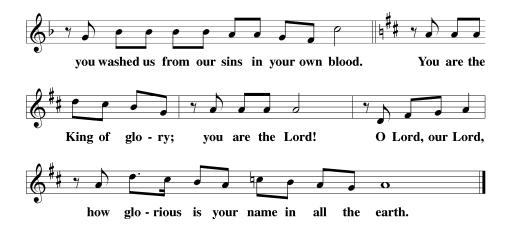
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 7:8-16

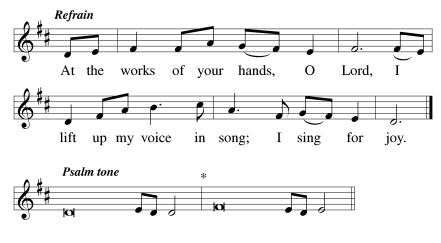
"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." (NIV)

*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual

PSALM OF THE DAY: 89



I will sing of the LORD'S great love for<u>ev</u>er;* I will make your faithfulness known through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

I will declare that your love stands firm for<u>ev</u>er,* that you established your faithfulness in heav<u>en</u> itself.

The heavens praise your won<u>ders</u>, O LORD,* your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the <u>ho</u>ly ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who <u>is</u> like you?* You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur<u>rounds</u> you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac<u>claim</u> you,* who walk in the light of your pres<u>ence</u>, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name <u>all</u> day long;* they exult in your <u>right</u>eousness.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

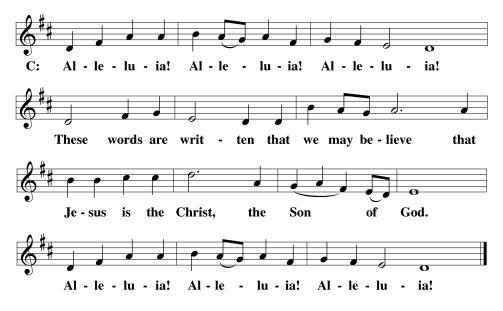
Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen. (NIV)

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)



PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

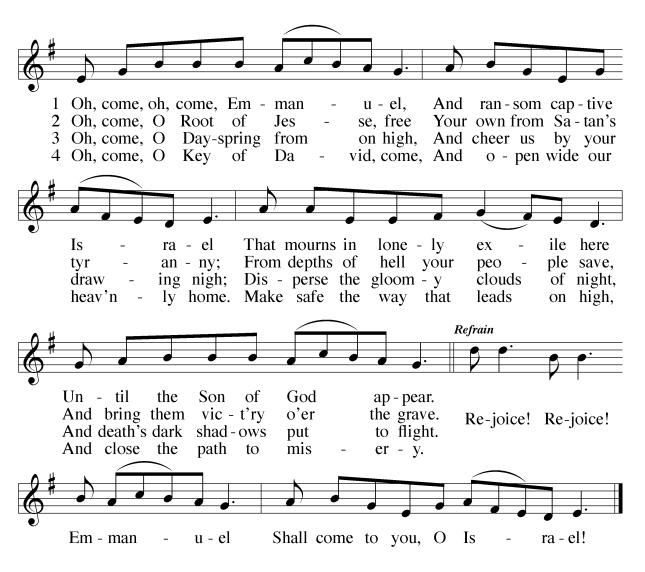
³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. (NIV)



BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #23 " OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL"



Text: Latin hymn, c. 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL (LM with Refrain) Plainsong melody, 15th century, alt.

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 1:26-38

SERMON THEME:

THE ORDINARY BECOMES EXTRAORDINARY

PLEASE STAND

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to <u>https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online</u>. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to drop off or mail your offerings to the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, heavenly father.
- C: With our mouths we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
- M: as we near the celebration of the birth of your son Jesus Christ,
- C: we stand in awe some wonder of your mysterious power, and unapproachable wisdom.
- M: For revealing to us your plans for our salvation, conceived in the womb of eternity, announced by your prophets, and brought forth in the fullness of time,
- C: we praise your holy name.
- M: Only by faith in you as the only wise God can we recognize the great miracle that you performed in your hand maiden the Virgin Mary.
- C: What you have done is above all human understanding.
- M: When our reason doubts that your love and mercy could accomplish this,
- C: forgive us Lord.
- M: For becoming impatient as you drive us to your word to search out your prophecies regarding the unfolding of your plan,
- C: we ask your forgiveness.
- M: As you sent your Holy Spirit to inspire the prophets and the evangelist to speak and write your word,
- C: so send your Holy Spirit to us that we may truly believe your truth.
- M: May your spirit help us to believe what our reason cannot comprehend.
- C: Fill our hearts with such joy that others may recognize these gifts as coming from you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

- M: We pray in the name of your most precious gift,
- C: Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior Amen.
- All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.

PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

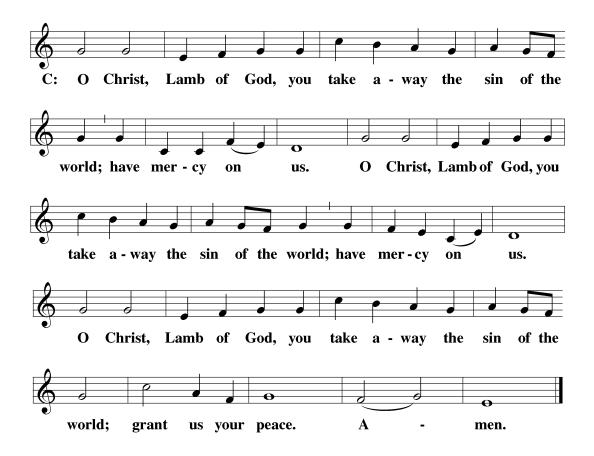


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."





M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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DISTRIBUTION

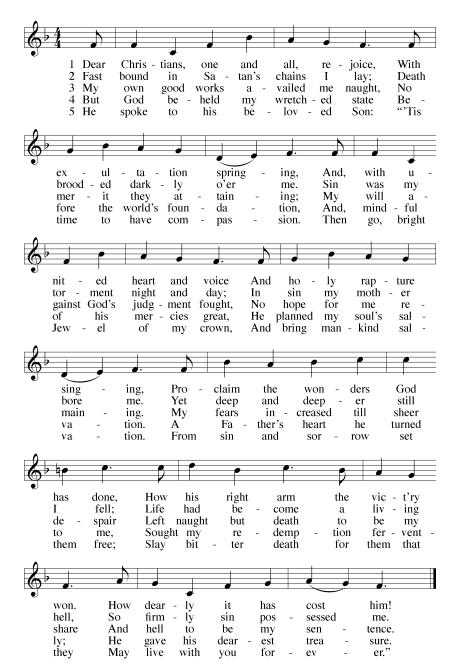
(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

GUESTS: SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

MEMBERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #377, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice "



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. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore To lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me— I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine; The foe shall not divide us. 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.

All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.

Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.

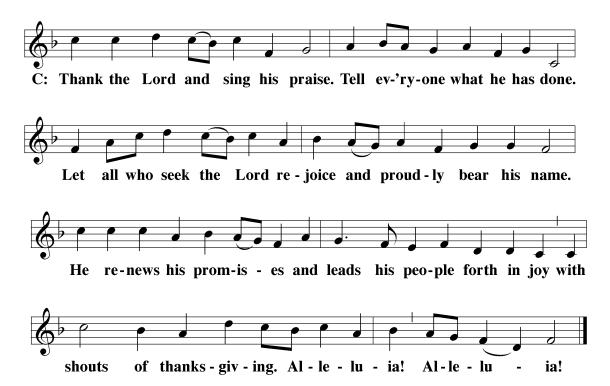
9 "Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, Teach you to know and follow me, And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

PLEASE STAND

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



FINAL PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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



BE SEATED

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Announcements:

Christmas Worship Schedule

It is time to once again be thinking about our Christmas worship of our Lord and King. What joyous days of celebration these are for God's people as we ponder God's love in the miracle of Jesus becoming flesh. We invite you and any guests you might want to invite and/or bring to join us for each of these special opportunities to gather before God and worship him for his goodness in sending Jesus to be our Savior. Our Christmas Worship is as follows:

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:	Thursday, December 24, 6:30 PM
Christmas Day Festival Service:	Friday, December 25 10:00 AM

Pastor Guse

It was announced that Pastor Matthew Guse has accepted our call to serve as our next shepherd. He and his wife, Elizabeth, will be transitioning from Fond du Lac, WI to Northdale next month. We look forward to welcoming them into our Northdale family. More details will be shared regarding arrival and installation as they become available.

Fall Food Drive

Our annual Fall Food Drive has begun and will continue through December 18. Every year at this time, we gather food to donate to Metropolitan Ministries to help feed those less fortunate than us. This is a great way for us to put our faith into action and to use what God has given us to his glory and to serve others. While we are not big enough here to host our own pantry, we collect food so that we can direct those who are needy to Metropolitan ministries to receive the physical help that they need. Please purchase and bring in non-perishable food items.

Vacancy Pastor

We thank Pastor Nuss for serving us with God's Word in Worship and Bible class today. Pastor Werner will lead us December 27. Pastor Joel Schwartz from Peace in Trinity, FL is serving us as our coordinating vacancy pastor. We work with him to plan Sunday preachers and meet other pastoral needs of our congregation during this vacancy. Pastor Schwartz can be reached at the contact information below should you be in need of his assistance. pastorofpeace@hotmail.com Mobile: 727-938-6321

Face Coverings for Worship

The Ministry Leadership Team has decided to require face coverings for the 8:00 AM service and Bible class at 9:25 AM. Children 7 years old and under are not required to wear face coverings. Face coverings will continue to be encouraged, but not required, for the 10:30 AM service. It is the intent of the MLT that this change would remove barriers that may exist for those that feel strongly about wearing masks while also presenting options for those that feel differently. We want our people to feel comfortable and safe while worshiping online or in-person.

Called Staff

Vacancy Pastor Joel Schwartz: 727-938-6321 Email: pastorofpeace@hotmail.com Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599 Email: Dane.Mattes@NorthdaleLutheran.org Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113 Email: Aimee.Hardman@NorthdaleLutheran.org Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283 Email: Chris.Haring@NorthdaleLutheran.org Ethan Jaeger: 605-520-6412 Email: Ethan.Jaeger@NorthdaleLutheran.org Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596 Email: Joanne.Mattes@NorthdaleLutheran.org Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279 Email: Bethany.Schwartz@NorthdaleLutheran.org

This Week:

Sunday (12/27):	8:00 & 10:30 AM - Worship
	9:25 AM – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Dane

Acolyte: 10:30-Noah Raines Elder: David Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 - Rachel Wilson 10:30 - Nick Koren Acolyte: 10:30—Aryssa Kingsborough Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 13 10:30 a.m.— 36 Total: 52 Yearly Average: 85 % of Members in Worship: 42%

2020-2021 Year to Date Offerings Through November 30, 2020

General Offering Received: \$79,084 General Offering Budgeted: \$100,000 Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: (\$20,915.84) Average Weekly Offerings Received (22 weeks): \$3,595 Average Weekly Offerings Budgeted (22 weeks): \$4,545

Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00 Received Last Week: \$275.00 Total received to date: \$369,079.42