

“Where is Jesus?”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

+ Call to Worship

Who is this Christ-Child, born in poverty, laid in a manger?

Why, he is the Messiah, the one sent by God!

Sent? Why was he sent?

Jesus answered like this: “The Spirit of God is upon me. God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.”

Was he not also sent to “Proclaim release for captives, the recovery of sight to the blind!”

Yes, and to “set at liberty those who are oppressed” and to proclaim the kingdom of God to all! Jesus is born; Jesus is Lord! Let us worship and give praise to God!

+ Hymn UMH 224

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

+ Unison Prayer

O Christmas God—we read that the holy child grew and became strong, and God’s favor was with him. In this string of nameless days, we long for such steady becoming—for renewal amid the routine, for courage in current events, for the assurance of God’s presence beyond our

holidays and into the wintering times of our lives. Amen.

+ Passing the Peace

Children’s Message

Special Music Hymn Sing

Favorite Christmas Carols

Joys, Concerns & God Moments

Call to Prayer UMH 237, vs. 1

Sing We Now of Christmas

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn UMH 242

Love Came Down at Christmas

Scripture Reading Luke 2:41-52

Message Rev. Dempewolf

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Offertory

Offertory Music Suz Eberle

+ Offertory Response UMH 250, vs. 1
Once in Royal David’s City

+ Offertory Prayer

O God, as one year comes to an end, and another is about to begin, we recommit ourselves to follow your way. Amidst the twists and turns of life’s unexpected byways, guide us to choose pathways of compassion, loving kindness, and generosity. May we, like your son Jesus, be found dwelling in your presence when others come looking for us. Amen.

+ Hymn UMH 251

Go Tell It on the Mountain

+ Blessing

+ Postlude

Adult Sunday School | There will be no Adult Sunday School today.

Confirmation | There will be no Confirmation this week.

Parish Council | Wednesday, January 2 at 6 pm | Parish council meeting in Cherry Grove.

Finance & Church Council | Thursday, January 3 at 6:30 pm | There will be a meeting for 2018 Finance and Church Council members to discuss apportionments.

Appreciative Inquiry | On Sunday, January 6, during coffee hour, small groups will be going over an appreciative inquiry. There are forms available if you would like to fill one out before then.

New Congregational Care Team | Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15 at 10 am | The goal of the group is to visit those in need, and meet every couple of months. Everyone is welcome to join.

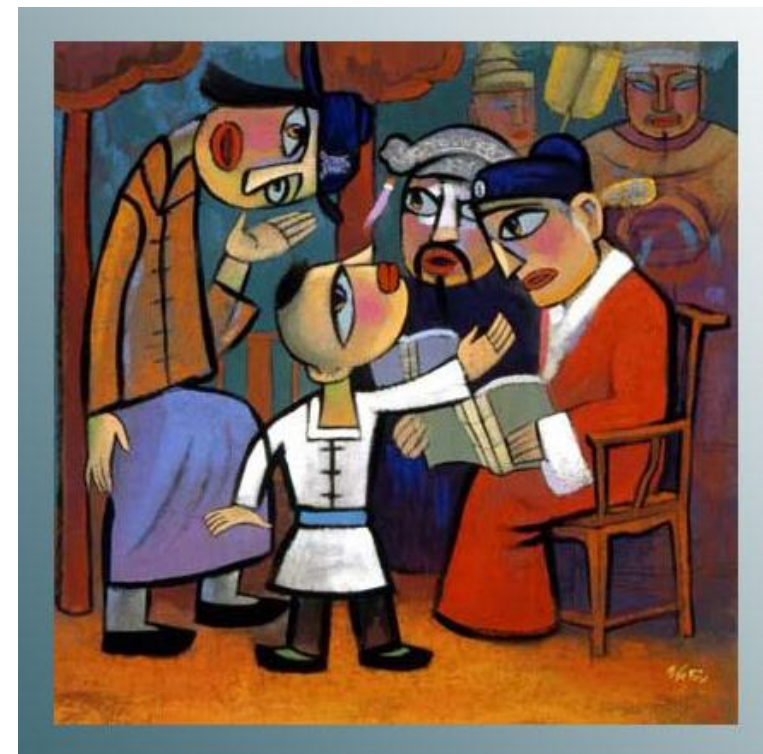
FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS 12/23/2018:

Needed for budget	\$3,741.55
Offering	\$3,582.00
Attendance	62

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