THE LORD'S DAY

December 8, 2024 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin

MEDITATION

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrata, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall He come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Micah 5:2

 ${\it Lighting of the second candle to signify the city of Christ's birth \quad \textit{Micah 5:2}}$

Prayer

Carol 243 Emmanuel

Carol 247 Let's Worship and Adore Him

Scripture Reading – Psalm 28 (opposite page)

Announcements

Meditation Joy to the World Abby Budnack

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Carol 254 Isn't He?

Carol 259 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Message Christmas: The Burden of Oppression Is Lifted

Isaiah 9:6-7 Rev. Ron VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day. 1 Cor. 15:4, Ps. 68:18; Acts 1:11; Eph. 4:8, Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:33-34; Heb. 1:3, Matt. 16:27; Acts 17:31

Psalm 28 Rejoicing in Answered Prayer

A Psalm of David.

¹To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock: Do not be silent to me,

Lest, if You are silent to me,

I become like those who go down to the pit.

² Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You,

When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

³ Do not take me away with the wicked

And with the workers of iniquity,

Who speak peace to their neighbors,

But evil is in their hearts.

⁴ Give them according to their deeds,

And according to the wickedness of their endeavors;

Give them according to the work of their hands;

Render to them what they deserve.

⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the Lord,

Nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them

And not build them up.

⁶ Blessed *be* the Lord,

Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and

I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,

And with my song I will praise Him.

⁸ The Lord *is* their strength,

And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

⁹ Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance;

Shepherd them also, and bear them up forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday 10 AM - Men's Bible Fellowship Wednesday 6:30 PM - Prayer and Bible Study Thursday 8:15 AM - Precept Bible Study Thursday 6:30-7:45 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Please remember to silence your cell phones to help maintain an attitude of worship without distraction.

LOOKING AHEAD

December 17 – Youth Group 5:30-7 PM December 21 – Ladies' Luncheon 12:30 PM December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service 6 PM, Prelude music begins at 5:30 December 28 – Men's Breakfast 9-10 AM

MISSIONARY CORNER

Each week we focus on Missionaries and Organizations we support as a local church.

From Gideons International: Sharing Copies of God's Word We believe distributing copies of God's Word plants powerful seeds God can use according to His own timing (I Corinthians 3:6), allows many to read the truth for themselves (John 8:32), provides a lasting witness (Hebrews 4:12), and makes it easier for those we reach to boldly spread the Good News (II Timothy 2:2).

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