

THE LORD'S DAY

December 22, 2024 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt

Piano Wendy Baldwin

MEDITATION

And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were very much afraid. And the angel said to them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:9-11
Lighting of the Fourth Candle to signify the angelic proclamation

Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 30 (opposite page)

Carol 284 The Birthday of a King Carol Dammann

Choir Anthem O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Christmas Carol Favorites

Meditation The First Noel Abby Budnack

Message Savior, Christ, Lord

Luke 2:1-14 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling. Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 2:12-16; Eph. 2:8; Phil. 1:29, John 15:5; 1 Cor. 1:9; Eph. 3:17

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

Psalm 30 The Blessedness of Answered Prayer

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the house of David.

¹ I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up,
And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

² **O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.**

³ O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave;
You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴ **Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His,**

And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

⁵ For His anger *is but for* a moment, His favor *is for* life;
Weeping may endure for a night, but joy *comes* in the morning.

⁶ **Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."**

⁷ Lord, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
You hid Your face, *and* I was troubled.

⁸ **I cried out to You, O Lord; and to the Lord I made supplication:**

⁹ "What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?"

¹⁰ **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; Lord, be my helper!"**

¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

¹² **To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday 6 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service

Prelude music begins at 5:30

Saturday 9-10 AM Men's Breakfast

LOOKING AHEAD

December 29 – Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission Dinner

See Jim Hartung

January 7 – Youth Group 5:30-7 PM

January 18 – Ladies Game Day 2 PM

January 25 – Men's Breakfast

MISSIONARY CORNER

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

From Voice of the Martyrs:

Christians in Nigeria are no strangers to persecution. In northeastern Nigeria, almost every Christian has lost someone they love in attacks by Boko Haram or militant Fulani Muslims. The violence has left hundreds of Christian women without spouses, parents and homes — and without means to support themselves or their children.

Our prayers and gifts have made a difference, helping meet their needs and showing them that the global body of Christ cares for and remembers them; helping with daily needs such as food, clothing and shelter, vocational training so widows can support their families; spiritual and emotional encouragement following trauma events and loss and support for children's school fees.