

December 27, 2020
First Sunday After Christmas Day

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

*Responsive Reading (From Isaiah 55:6-9) Pastor John

One: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: Call upon him while he is near;

One: Let the wicked forsake their way,

All: And the unrighteous their thoughts;

One: Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them

All: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

One: For His thoughts are not our thoughts,

All: Nor are our ways His ways, according to the Lord.

One: For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

All: So are His ways higher than our ways and His thoughts than our thoughts.

*Hymn "Joy to the World" No. 246
Verses 1 and 4

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance
(From Isaiah 55:10-11)

Father we know that just as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall your word be that goes out from your mouth; it shall not return to you empty, but it shall accomplish your intended purpose and succeed in that which you sent it.

*Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, in this holy season we ask that you awaken your Holy Spirit in our hearts to direct and

guide us according to your will, to comfort us in all of our afflictions, to protect us from all evil, to guide us away from poor judgment, and lead us into the truth of your Holy and Sacred Word through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Gracious God, forgive us for our sins as you build us up and fortify us so that we may be strong in the face of temptation and wise in the avoidance of evil through prayer, discipline, and obedience. This we pray in your great and powerful name. Amen

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Ezekiel 11:17-20 (CE)

New Testament Scripture II Corinthians 5:16-21 (CE)

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218
Verses 1 and 4

Sermon "2020 Hindsight" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

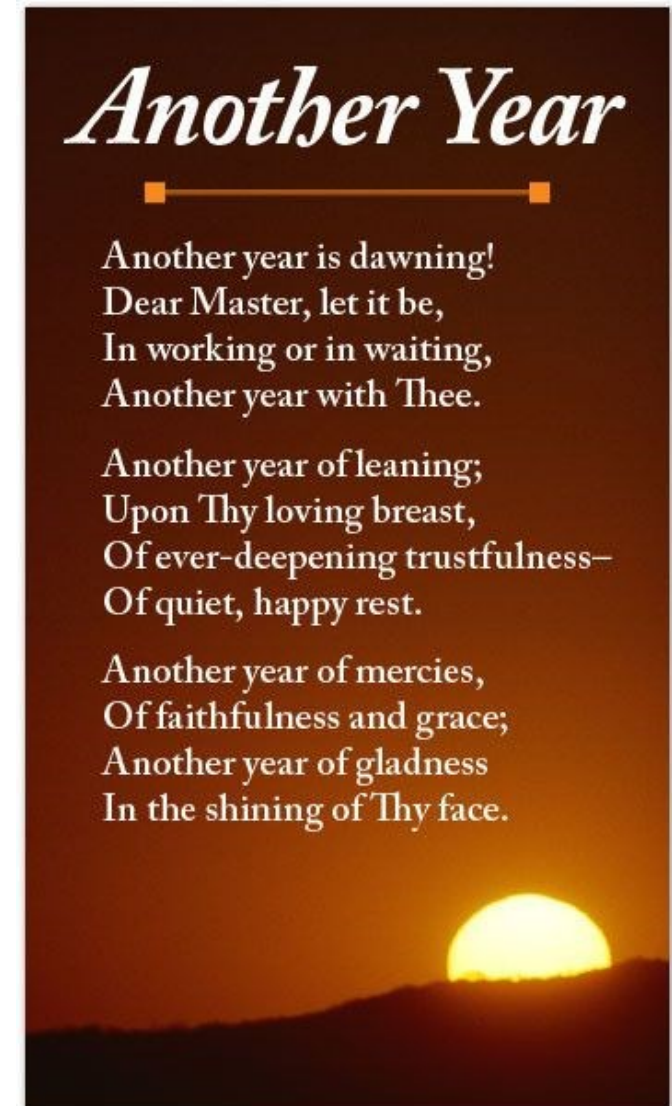
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "There's a Song in the Air"
Verses 1 and 4

No. 249

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit





Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community, those serving in the armed forces, our country, its leaders

Our Church Family

Jennifer Adair	April Aten
Betsy Bower	Arden Boyer
Bill Feldman	Bill Stewart
Esther Franks	Wayne Kahrig
Elsie Mykrantz	Betty Princehorn
Christy Rickard	Patti Ritchey
Elaine Sprinkle	Sandy Treece
Moore Family - Passing of Jane's brother	
Family of Janice Ritchey - Mark's sister-in-law	
Family of Roger Burckhart	

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Larry - Friend of Cindy Mykrantz and Carol Gossage
COVID vaccine
Brittany Parke - Burckhart Family Friend
Jean - Friend of Carol Gossage - loss of her son

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 12/27	Worship	10:30 am
Tuesday 12/28	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Friday 1/1	Happy New Year	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/3	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/4	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Girl Scout Leaders	7:30 pm
Tuesday 1/5	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/6	Morning Circle	9:30 am
Saturday 1/9	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

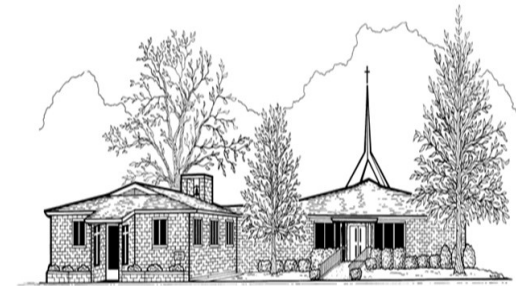
Youth Group:

Our Youth Group typically meets the first and third Sundays of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Gathering Grounds. Our leader provides a lesson that is followed by open discussion. We also have time for fun, games, and a light snack. Due to our current concern for the health and safety of our youth and their families youth meetings have been cancelled for the time being. We hope to resume our youth gatherings early next year.

Join us from our parking lot at 97.9 FM
and visit our website at
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