

# CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION & WORSHIP

Dedication of Leaders • January 21, 2024

9:00 AM

## WE SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER

ENTRANTE Amy Horton, Accompanist  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder  
PRESENTATION BY STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE Doug Hasler  
DEDICATION OF 2024 LEADERS Jacob Thomas  
ACOLYTES/PRELUDE

## WE PRAY TO GOD

\*INVOCATION Elder  
\*THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen."*

\*GLORIA PATRI Worshiping Church #807

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-4, 7-10) Elder

*O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me!*

THOU KNOWEST WHEN I SIT DOWN AND WHEN I RISE UP;

*Thou discernest my thoughts from afar.*

THOU SEARCHEST OUT MY PATH AND MY LYING DOWN,  
*and art acquainted with all my ways.*

EVEN BEFORE A WORD IS ON MY TONGUE, LO, O LORD, THOU KNOWEST

IT ALTOGETHER...

*Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?...*

IF I ASCEND TO HEAVEN... IF I MAKE MY BED IN SHEOL, THOU ART THERE!

*If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

EVEN THERE THY HAND SHALL LEAD ME, AND THY RIGHT HAND SHALL

**HOLD ME.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE & WORSHIP #9 vs.1,2,3

*"Sing Praise to the Father"*

JOYS-CONCERNS-PRAISES Elder  
PRAYER

➤CHILDREN'S SERMON Cindy Mathis

## WE WORSHIP BY GIVING

CALL TO GIVING Elder

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY #809 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE HEAR THE LORD'S WORD

ANTHEM Chancel Choir directed by Jessica Hendrickson

*"O Most High"*

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:8-12 ~ Pew Bible pg.1050

SERMON Pastor Jim Blue

*"Three Lessons Learned from Abraham"*

## WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF COMMUNION #542 vs.1-3

*"Near to the Heart of God"*

INVITATION & COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION PRAYERS

COMMUNION MUSIC

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/PARTAKING OF ELEMENTS

All those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to eat and drink the Lord's Supper. Eat as the loaf is served, hold the cup so that all may drink together.

## WE RESPOND TO THE LORD

\*INVITATION HYMN #576 vs.1,4

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Blue

\*CLOSING HYMN #616

*"Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God; through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word."*

POSTLUDE

*(Please remain in place until speaker and acolytes have exited)*

*\*Please stand if able*

➤Today's Children's Church leader is Jenny McMahan; children ages 4,5,6 will be dismissed to go upstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Sermon.

~ The Nursery is staffed by Cathy Clawson each Sunday for babies and toddlers. ~



# LESSONS LEARNED

## **WELCOME!**

THANK YOU for signing the attendance pad in your row!

NOTE the insert with 2024 Church Leaders.

COPIES of “The Secret Place” winter devotional are available.

A FEW 2024 desk calendars are on the entryway tables.

CHECK the table in the hallway for 2024 Offering Envelopes.

YOU'RE welcome to the Coffee Bar at 8:00 & Sunday School at 8:15 & 10:15 AM.

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## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

TODAY	6-8 PM	Youth Group
TUES	5:00 PM	Staff Relations Committee meeting
WED	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir rehearsal
SUN	8/8:15 AM	Coffee Bar/Open Door & Children's S.S.
	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	New Horizon's SS class
	2:00 PM	Program Committee meetings
	6-8 PM	Youth Group

## **UPCOMING**

- ♦ Wed., Jan. 31 — next Newsletter mailing with February calendars  
— God's Gang/Crossroads to begin, helpers arrive by 2:00 PM
- ♦ Sun., Feb. 4 — Youth Sunday, 9:00 AM
- ♦ Tues., Feb. 6 — Circle of Light, 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Fri-Sun., Feb. 9-11 — Youth Winter Retreat to Spring Hill
- ♦ Sun., Feb. 11 — Blanket Sunday

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## **NOTE**

- ♦ Please check the Lost & Found basket under the coat rack for items that might belong to you. Also, look to see if the necklace, hanging on the bulletin board over the sign-up desk is yours. Thank you!
- ♦ Ms. Holly's House, the local Montessori Christian School, is currently having their fundraiser. Information can be found on the hall bulletin board.

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## **PRAYER CONCERNS & PERSONALS**

- ♦ Nursing Home: Brandon Bell, Linda Driver, Irma Julian, Ron Odle, Martha Stephen
- ♦ Continued Prayers for: Louise Bridwell, Janice Nicholson, Kenny McCain, Carol Marlowe, Randy Creech, Marge Houghland, Chantell Whitezel, Chris Blue, Bob Martin, Diana Rogers, Leah Gobin, Al Englebright, Ken Hamilton

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