

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 3, 2023

10:45 am

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please give any prayer requests to an usher or the pastor before the service.

Prelude Praise Team  
Welcome Praise Team

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP

Praise Song Light of The Stable Praise Team  
Invocation Ted Odenwald  
Praise Song His Name is Wonderful Praise Team  
Scripture Reading JJ Belle

Matthew 1:18-25

## WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements Harry Sink  
Offering Our Gifts Harry Sink

## WORSHIPPING THROUGH ADVENT

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle Ted & Shirley Odenwald

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer Christine Lovette  
Special Music Praise Team  
Message Pastor David Boone  
"The Gift"

## WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #171  
The Lord's Supper Pastor David Boone  
Recessional Praise Team

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## GETTING TO KNOW US

Rev. Russell Stammer Pastor  
Christine Lovette Minister of Music  
JJ Belle Praise Band  
Harry & Rachel Sink, Ted & Shirley Odenwald  
Laura Belle Praise Team  
Lori Rosenboom, Steve Handy, Christa Hoppe Ushers  
All Members of This Faith Community Ministers

## THIS WEEK

Today 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:40 am Prayer for service in Pastor's office  
10:45 am Worship Service  
Noon Coffee Hour

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/10/23 10:45 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday  
12/10/23 Noon Church Council Meeting  
12/17/23 Noon Christmas Cookie Swap  
12/24/23 10:45 am Virtual Worship Service  
12/24/23 6:00 pm Christmas Eve service

## BIRTHDAYS

Russ Stammer 12/6  
Katherine Stammer 12/12  
Lori Rosenboom 12/25

## ANNIVERSARY

Derek & Tina Oswusu-Bekoe 12/29

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## GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

### 2023 BIBLE READINGS

Mon Dec 4 Micah 1-4; Psalms 46; Revelation 1  
Tues Dec 5 Micah 5-7; Psalms 130; Revelation 2  
Wed Dec 6 Isaiah 1-2; Psalms 146; Revelation 3  
Thur Dec 7 Isaiah 3-6; Revelation 4; Psalms 93  
Fri Dec 8 Isaiah 7-9; Revelation 5; Psalms 150  
Sat Dec 9 Isaiah 10-13; Revelation 6  
Sun Dec 10 Isaiah 14-16; Revelation 7; Psalms 23

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week's passage is **James 1:6**  
*But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**Today's question is:** How many wise men does the Bible say came to visit Jesus?

**Last week's question and answer:** God appeared to Jacob on the way to Egypt in a vision at Beer-sheba, but what did he tell him? **Don't fear going to Egypt, he would be made into a great nation there (Gen 46:3)**

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush." – **Anonymous**

## CHRISTMAS DID YOU KNOW?

Christmas gifts will always remind us of the best and greatest gift that we have received, Jesus. His nativity is the ultimate gift to the world. From John 3:16, it tells us that God loved the world so much that He willingly and lovingly gave His Son that we may have eternal life. Gifts should remind us that we can only give because we are given. It is the symbol of God's unconditional love and compassion.

## MISSIONS (PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION)

For the months of November and December, we will be collecting funds to offset the negative balance in our budget.

We are at a critical point in our finances. We need to raise funds and invite new people to come to the church if our church is to survive.



## **DUTIES OF THE CHURCH MEMBER**

- Duty 1: To Pray For The Church.
- Duty 2: To Attend Church.
- Duty 3: To Support The Church Financially.
- Duty 4: To Bring Others To Church.
- Duty 5: To Study The Bible.
- Duty 6: To Guard The Good Name Of The Church.
- Duty 7: To Stand By The Pastor Of The Church.

## PRAYER PAGE

### HEALTH ISSUES

Sandy Christopher – in Hospice care.  
Nancy Monell – (Ted's Sister) – Ongoing health issues  
Dot Nagy – (Ted's cousin) has multiple health issues.  
Tricia Fellner – (JJ's Sister) has bradycardia (Low pulse rate)  
Justin – Grandson of (Donna Stevens' sister) born w/only 2 heart valves  
Betty Wilson – (Friend of the Odenwalds) Neuropathy pain  
Lois Griffith – Health Concerns  
Carl Stevens – Recovering from second knee surgery.  
Ted & Kay MacVicar – Health issues.  
Ruth Barton – Recovering from a fall and wrist surgery.  
Jordan Lovette – Ongoing health issues  
Doug Gipe – recovering from COVID & pneumonia.  
Christine Lovette – ongoing health concerns  
Zeke Stevenson – (Ted & Shirley's great grandson) Blood issues  
Eleanor Stammer – Regaining some hearing.  
Mert Ozer - the Lord would restore his sight.

### HEALTH ISSUES (CANCER)

Joe Alfano – ongoing health issues & Lung Cancer  
Robert Mariano – (JJ's Uncle) prostate cancer  
Joan MacMillan – Pancreatic Cancer monitoring situation  
Kevin Parmeland – Monitoring situation  
Barbara Willemsen – Finished radiation monitoring situation

### OTHER CONCERNS

Good Shepherd Mission  
Unspoken Requests – People requested prayer for an unspoken request.  
Those dealing with depression, addiction & mental health issues

### NURSING FACILITIES

Ginny Palmer

### OUR TEACHERS

Katie Stammer - HCA

### OUR STUDENTS

TJ Bednarz – Eastern Christian  
Jordan Lovette – Indian Hills  
Kayla Lovette – Ramapo College  
Sarah MacVicar – Ramapo College

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Major David Hutsebaut - son of Dave and Shirley - Army  
Sgt. Eduardo Velasquez - son in law of Cheryl Alfano – Marines  
Petty Officer Second Class Faustina Owusu Bekoe - US Navy

Our Church – We need to pray for our church as we need work to bring the Gospel to our communities.



"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." -2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)



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