

# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 10, 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 Behold Praise Team  
Invocation Ted Odenwald  
Praise Song What Child is This Praise Team  
Scripture Reading Rachael Sink  
Isaiah 6:1-8

## WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements Harry Sink  
Offering Our Gifts Harry Sink

## WORSHIPPING THROUGH ADVENT

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle Tracey & Christine Lovette

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer Christine Lovette  
Special Music Praise Team  
Message Pastor Herb Dorfman  
"Why Should I Go To Church?"

## WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" #179  
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  
Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday  
Noon Church Council Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 11 Isaiah 17-21; Revelation 8  
Tues Dec 12 Isaiah 22-24; Revelation 9  
Wed Dec 13 Isaiah 25-28; Revelation 10  
Thur Dec 14 Isaiah 29-31; Revelation 11  
Fri Dec 15 Isaiah 32-35; Revelation 12  
Sat Dec 16 Isaiah 36-38; Revelation 13  
Sun Dec 17 Isaiah 39-41; Revelation 14

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week's passage is **John 1:4**  
*In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**Today's question is:** Which Psalm describes how well the Lord knows man, starting with the line, "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me"?

**Last week's question and answer:** How many wise men does the Bible say came to visit Jesus? **It doesn't say (Matt 2:1-12)**

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." - **Henri Nouwen**

## CHRISTMAS DID YOU KNOW?

One of the most notable Christmas symbols representing eternal life and unyielding hope is the Evergreen Christmas Tree. Evergreen Trees are known to stay green all year round. It can keep its thistles on its branches even in the winter season when all other trees lose their leaves. It reminds us of the hope that we have in Jesus that will never fail in great trials and winters of our lives.



## 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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