CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 17, 2023	10:45 am
PREPARING FOR WOR	
<i>Please give any prayer requests to an ushe before the service.</i>	er or the pastor
Prelude	Praise Team
Welcome	Praise Team Praise Team
WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE &	FELLOWSHIP

Praise Song	Adore	Praise Team
Invocation		Pastor Russ
Praise Song		Praise Team
Away in 7	The Manger (Forever .	Amen)
Scripture Reading		Pastor Russ
	Luke 1:27-2:8	
WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS		
Announcements		Pastor Russ

Offering Our Gifts

WORSHIPPING THROUGH ADVENT

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

Kumala Family

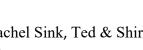
Pastor Russ

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer	Pastor Russ
Special Music	Praise Team
Message	Pastor Russ
"The Mess That Mary's Mission Created"	

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn Recessional	"The Fi	rst Nc	el" #188 Praise Team
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Rev. Russell Stammer

Christine Lovette

JJ Belle

Harry & Rachel Sink, Ted & Shirley Odenwald	
Laura Belle	Praise Team
Lori Rosenboom, Steve Handy, Christa Hoppe	Ushers
All Members of This Faith Community	Ministers

Pastor

Minister of Music

Praise Band

GETTING TO KNOW US

THIS WEEK

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:40 am	Prayer for service in Pastor's office
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	Noon	Christmas Cookie Swap
		UPCOMING EVENTS
12/24/23	3 10:45 am	Virtual Worship Service
12/24/23	3 6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
1/7/24	Noon	Coffee Hour
1/28/24	Noon	Annual Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Lori Rosenboom	12/25
Bob Barton	1/2
Ted MacVicar	1/3
Ted Odenwald	1/5
Steve Handy	1/6
Carl Stevens	1/15
Joe Alfano	1/26
Eliora Oswusu-Bekoe	1/29
ANNIVERSARY	
Derek & Tina Oswusu-Bekoe	12/29



GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 2023 BIBLE READINGS

Mon Dec 18	Isaiah 42-44; Revelation 15
Tues Dec 19	Isaiah 45-48; Revelation 16
Wed Dec 20	Isaiah 49-52; Revelation 17
Thur Dec 21	Isaiah 53-55; Psalms 65; Revelation 18
Fri Dec 22	Isaiah 56-59; Revelation 19
Sat Dec 23	Isaiah 60-64; Revelation 20
Sun Dec 24	Isaiah 65-66; Revelation 21-22

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week's passage is *Matthew 5:15* Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Today's question is: How were the family warned that someone wanted to kill the baby Jesus?

Last week's question and answer: Which Psalm describes how well the Lord knows man, starting with the line, "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me"? Psalm 139 (Ps 139:1)

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"This Advent we look to the Wise Men to teach us where to focus our attention. We set our sights on things above, where God is. We draw closer to Jesus... When our Advent journey ends, and we reach the place where Jesus resides in Bethlehem, may we, like the Wise Men, fall on our knees and adore him as our true and only King."- Mark Zimmermann

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 STUDENTS

OUR TEACHERS Katie Stammer - HCA 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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