

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 31, 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 Manger Throne Praise Team
Invocation Pastor Russ
Praise Song The Blessing Praise Team
Scripture Reading Shirley Odenwald

Mark 8:34-36

WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements Pastor Russ
Offering Our Gifts Pastor Russ

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer Pastor Russ
Special Music Praise Team
Message Pastor Russ

“What Are You Living For?”

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn “We Three Kings” #197
Recessional Praise Team

CLI LICENSE # 9643846



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/7/24 Noon Coffee Hour
1/14/24 Noon Church Council Meeting
1/28/24 Noon Annual Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

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

None

NEW QR CODE FOR EASY GIVING!



GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

2023 BIBLE READINGS

We will be starting a new Scripture Reading program for 2024. This program is based on the Year Long Bible Reading following the Jewish Torah Reading Program. This program will run from Saturday to Saturday following the Jewish Sabbath tradition. However, the only difference is that you will also have a New Testament (New Covenant) reading. You can read them all at once or divide it up over the week.

Torah (Instruction) - Exodus 1:1–6:1

Nevi'im (Prophets) - Isaiah 27:6–28:13 & Isaiah 29:22–23

B'rit Hadasha (New Covenant) - 1 Corinthians 14:13–25

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week’s passage is **Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Today’s question is: What did Joseph’s brothers do to get rid of him?

Last week’s question and answer: How were the family warned that someone wanted to kill the baby Jesus? **In a dream (Matt 2:13)**

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

Of all persons the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. He has dealt with life at its source. In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation. - Aiden Wilson Tozer



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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