

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:30am

January 4, 2026



A Listening Heart!

### AS WE GATHER

What great faith Solomon must have had! He could have asked for so much but chose a listening heart. Even the phrase itself is difficult to translate, but the point is that it relies totally on what God will say and do. Mary and Joseph were likewise confounded when Jesus did what He needed to do by staying in the temple. Fortunately, the grace of God is overwhelming, beyond what we can understand. As Paul writes in the Epistle, we are only on the receiving end, as God has adopted us as fellow children with Jesus “according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:5–6). Are our hearts listening?

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

**WELCOME** — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

### RINGING OF THE BELL

## 523 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Dear friends, our own sin and our inability to free ourselves are the reasons a Savior was born. And if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand***Service of the Word****Kyrie**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

### 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

**ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

God our Father, our Creator and Redeemer, when the time was right, You sent forth Your Son into this world. Through Him, You chose us for salvation that we might live to the praise of Your glory. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we ever remain firm in faith and bear fruit, until we possess the eternal inheritance prepared for us before the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading***1 Kings 3:4–15*

(Solomon prays to the Lord for wisdom.)

<sup>4</sup> The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings. <sup>5</sup> That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, “What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!”

<sup>6</sup> Solomon replied, “You showed great and faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

<sup>7</sup> “Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn’t know his way around. <sup>8</sup> And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted!

<sup>9</sup> Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. <sup>11</sup> So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— <sup>12</sup> I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! <sup>13</sup> And I will also give you what you did not ask for— riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! <sup>14</sup> And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Solomon woke up and realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant, where he sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then he invited all his officials to a great banquet.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *Ephesians 1:3–14*

God chose us before the foundation of the world to be  
holy and blameless in His sight.

Reader: <sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. <sup>4</sup> Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

**© <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.**

Reader: <sup>6</sup> So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. <sup>7</sup> He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. <sup>8</sup> He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

**© <sup>9</sup> God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. <sup>10</sup> And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>11</sup> Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.**

Reader: <sup>12</sup> God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. <sup>13</sup> And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. <sup>14</sup> The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**© Thanks be to God.**

**Stand Alleluia and Verse**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel***Luke 2:40–52**Jesus goes to Passover in Jerusalem and shows He is about the things of His Father.*

Reader: <sup>40</sup> There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

<sup>42</sup> When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. <sup>43</sup> After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, <sup>44</sup> because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

<sup>45</sup> When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. <sup>46</sup> Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting

among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. <sup>47</sup> All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." <sup>49</sup> "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

<sup>50</sup> But they didn't understand what he meant.

<sup>51</sup> Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

**People:** <sup>52</sup> **Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.**

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

**Sermon** – *Pastor Christopher Fairbairn*

### Prayer of the Church

**Pastor:** Blessed be You, O God our Father, for in Your great wisdom, mercy, and love You have chosen us to be Your own children by faith in Christ. Grant to Your whole church Your light, love, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give wisdom, O God, to all preachers of Your Word, to all pastors and leaders in Your church, wherever they may be, that they may rightly divide Your Word, proclaim it with power, and administer Your Holy Sacraments according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let Your Holy Spirit seek out and reveal Your salvation for those who hear and believe Your saving Gospel. Cast away all doubt and strengthen the faith of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give peace among the nations, O Lord, that Your Word may not be bound but be proclaimed freely and boldly to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bring Your healing and comfort to all who are sick or injured or in any need, [*especially . . .*]. Give confidence in suffering and thankful hearts for Your every blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let the body and blood of Your Son strengthen faith and grant the wisdom that comes down from above, that all who commune may be one in confession and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

*Stand*

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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 trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.



### Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS****Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness Oh God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not:  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me!

## It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”  
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,  
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
 His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
 And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

## 389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
 5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
 mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
 tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door  
 To blessèd paradise;  
 The angel bars the way no more.  
 To God our praises rise,  
 To God our praises rise.

7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
 Lord Jesus, we adore  
 And praise to God the Father yield  
 And Spirit evermore;  
 We praise You evermore.

*Stand***Post-Communion Canticle****Thank the Lord**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** When you heard the Word of truth and believed in Christ, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. As you have heard His Word, and give thanks for the power of His Spirit, go as His chosen people in praise of His name.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G Amen.**

## THE INVITATIONS

### 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.



**Need some PRAYER?** Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

**Our Vision** — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant  
Music Director  
Family Life  
Elder

Pastor Christopher Fairbairn  
Paul Ventimiglia  
Jeanette Koch  
John Hasse

Greeter

Henning Family

Welcome Center

Tim Haubenstricker

Ushers

Gary Cash  
Jeff Henning  
Mike Williamson

Coffee Hour

Counters

Melissa Raikes  
Kathy Verseman  
Dennis Verseman

Tech Team

Nancy Berg

Altar Society

Nancy Berg  
Elyse Huskey  
Michael Huskey

Acolyte

Jack Adler

**Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

WEDNESDAYS: Women’s Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men’s Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

**Attendance** Last week: 12.28.2025– Attendance – 8:30am –74 + 11:00am –52 = 126

Received weeks of 12.18.2025-12.31.2025 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$47,449** total  
includes online giving **School - \$14,261.73**

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Christina Rohn  
Waltonwood #240  
27475 Huron Circle  
Novi, MI

4	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym
5	JAN, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
6	JAN, TUE	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
		● 6 – 7pm	Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall
7	JAN, WED	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall
		● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
8	JAN, THU	● 10am – 2pm	School Hot Lunch - Kitchen
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal - church
9	JAN, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
10	JAN, SAT	● 9 – 11am	Soccer Shots - Gym
		● 12 – 3:30pm	Bible Quizzing Tournament



***Altar Flowers***

In memory of our parents John and Barbara Burgess and  
Dennis and Jean Duckworth from Chris and Anne Burgess

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service

A **mission trip euchre card game fundraiser** will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, 6:30-9:00 pm. Twelve members of our congregation have committed to participating in an eyeglass clinic in El Salvador in April. The cost of the trip is about \$3,000 per person. This fundraiser will help defray the cost for our participants. If you are new to the game, we are happy to instruct. There will be appetizers, beverages, snacks and prizes. The cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for youth. Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



### OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome former members Steven and Kathleen McFall. Kathleen was baptized at St. Paul in 1995. Also, joining us is Jason, Kathleen and Steven's son. Jason was also baptized and confirmed here. Jason has two sons, Jackson age 7 and Liam age 9. We look forward to getting to know them better, and many people have already welcomed them back.

We enjoyed the opportunity to serve at Family of God on Wednesday, December 17. Pat McGuigan made the meal of ham, hashbrown potatoes, green beans and cranberries, it was yummy. Some of us enjoyed a ham slider at the end of the meal. We served around 80 meals including seconds and the attendance was a bit low with a couple of children the smiles and conversation are always good. Matt, Marcy, Sophia and Joe Treder drove down and served with Pat, Julia and myself. It was good food, good company and enjoyed by all. We took down 120 brownies made by several bakers of the church and a tray of cupcakes left over from the Advent lunch meal. Chris Henning purchased beverages and cuties. A big thank you to Pat for taking on 3 or 4 meals a year plus all the other things she does for our church and the community we live in. We are signing up for another year of serving 2 to 3 meals a month at Family of God. We can't do it alone, thank you for all your help. Merry Christmas and we are looking forward to enjoying a happy new year with our church family.



**Another tradition of CHRISTMAS CAROLING** occurred on **Sunday, December 21st, 2025**. We had twenty people sing their hearts out as we braved the cold afternoon with our cozy red scarves and jingle bells. Fortunately the roads were clear and the weather was good to travel through the communities of Northville, Novi, and South Lyon. We visited Allen Terrace, Jean Pichan, Richard and Karen Schneider, Christina Rohn, and Ted Schultz. Many thanks to the Norton family who publicized the event and provided detailed maps for our carpools. They also invited three guests who aren't members of our church. The Hoffmeier's provided gift bags for the shut-ins and a supper back at the Fellowship Hall afterwards. The Hoffmeier's and Jan Faerber have been carolers since the 1980's when the group went on the school bus driven by Ken Lehl (Jan's father) the school principal. **If you would like to join us next time - put Sunday, December 20, 2026, 3:00 - 6:00 on your calendar. You'll find it very rewarding and fun!**



## **Padawan Bible Quizzing Tournament**

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*

This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted **at St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**, which means everyone can test their Bible Quizzing skills. No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each. Lunch will be provided.

**Saturday, February 21, 2025 @ 12PM-3PM**  
**1 Corinthians 10, 12, & 13**  
**@ St. Paul Northville Church!**  
**Lunch provided**

For info or to register, visit [stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing](http://stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing) or talk to Jake Fairbairn <[jakecfairbairn@gmail.com](mailto:jakecfairbairn@gmail.com)>, (248) 231-9684>. Register by Sun, Feb 15.