

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:30am

January 5, 2025



The Gift of Wisdom to Trust God's Plan!

AS WE GATHER

Have you tired of those Christmas gifts yet, or are you still enjoying them? God gave Solomon the gift of wisdom. God's wisdom was a gift Solomon displayed vividly at times, but at other times, it seemed he had regifted it. In Jesus, we see the gift of God's wisdom on full display when He is found in the temple, at age 12, asking questions and providing answers beyond His years. God continues to reveal His wisdom to us through the Bible. **What is your plan** for connecting with God and His wisdom this year?

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

I Believe

I believe there is one salvation,
 One doorway that leads to life.
 One redemption, one confession,
 I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion.
 By His blood, I have been set free.
 I believe in the resurrection.
 Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat.

Chorus

All praise to God, the Father,
 All praise to Christ, the Son.
 All praise to the Holy Spirit,
 Our God has overcome.
 The King who was and is and evermore
 will be.
 In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.

Verse 3

I believe in the hope of heaven,
 He's preparing a place for me.
 Far beyond what hearts imagine,
 Ears have heard or eyes have seen.

Verse 4

I believe that day is coming,
 He's returning to claim His bride.
 Light the altar, keep it burning,
 See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.

Chorus

All praise to God, the Father,
 All praise to Christ, the Son.
 All praise to the Holy Spirit,
 Our God has overcome.
 The King who was and is and evermore
 will be.
 In Jesus' mighty name I believe.

Bridge

No, I'll never be ashamed
 Of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 How could I ever walk away
 From the One who saved my life? (3x)

Chorus

All praise to God, our Father,
 All praise to Christ, the Son.
 All praise to the Holy Spirit,
 Our God has overcome.
 The King who was and is and evermore
 will be.
 In Jesus' mighty name, I believe. (2x)

In Jesus' mighty name, I believe

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.

Angels We Have Heard on High *Congregation w/ Praise Choir*

*Praise Choir: Angels, Angels
Angels, Angels*

Congregation

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Praise Choir: Angels, Angels

Congregation

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo

*Praise Choir: Angels, Angels
Angels, Angels*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G 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.

G Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *1 Kings 3:4–15* (Solomon prays to the Lord for wisdom.)

⁴ The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings. ⁵ 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!"

⁶ 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.

⁷ "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. ⁸ And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted!

⁹ 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?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. ¹¹ 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— ¹² 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! ¹³ 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! ¹⁴ And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life."

¹⁵ 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: ³ 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. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

C ⁵ **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: ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

☐ **⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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: ¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

Jesus goes to Passover in Jerusalem and shows He is about the things of His Father.

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

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. ⁴² When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. ⁴³ After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, ⁴⁴ 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.

⁴⁵ When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there.

⁴⁶ Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. ⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸ 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."

⁴⁹ "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they didn't understand what he meant.

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

☐ ⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ 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.**

Sit

Heaven Changes Everything

Verse 1

These tears would just be tears
falling down my face.
And this hurt would just be hurt with no
healing on the way.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

A goodbye would be goodbye
With no "I'll see you again,"
And when a `life is over, that would
simply be the end.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

Chorus

In the light of eternity,
I have this hope.
You hold my heart
And I'm never alone.
One day, you're coming back.
One day, I'm coming home.
Thank you, Jesus.
Heaven changes everything.

Verse 2

My questions would stay questions,
No answers to be found.
And all the times I've fallen,
I'd still be there on the ground.
Thank you, Jesus.

I can live for the day when my eyes will finally see.

Every piece that was broken, restored and redeemed.

Thank you, Jesus.

Heaven changes everything.

Chorus

In the light of eternity,

I have this hope.

You hold my heart

And I'm never alone.

One day, you're coming back.

One day, I'm coming home.

Thank you, Jesus.

Heaven changes everything.

Bridge

The way that I love, the way that I live,
The way I let go and choose to forgive.
The peace in this pain, the hope in this grief,

The beauty beyond this I have to believe.

I can't see what you see, but I know that I know

This world's where I am,

But this world's not my home.

Chorus

In the light of eternity,

I have this hope.

You hold my heart

And I'm never alone.

One day, you're coming back.

One day, I'm coming home.

Thank you, Jesus.

Heaven changes everything.

Everything.

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Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

Lord, we pray for this New Year that is here, that You continue to bless us, Your people chosen before the foundation of the world, so that we may be a blessing to others. Fill us with the wisdom of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all who lead—in government, in the public and private sectors, and in Your Church—that they lead with Your wisdom so that the decisions they make are in line with Your will for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all who are hurting, grieving, and struggling in their heart, soul, strength, and mind, that they experience Your dear, sweet love for them as You lead, guide, and provide for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we pray for those who are beginning this year with goals to read the Bible and learn more about You, that You connect them with Your people so that, as with Philip and the Ethiopian, there is someone to help them understand the mystery of Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your dear love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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.

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.**

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.**



*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. ++

Well Done

What will it be like when my pain is gone,
And all the worries of this world just fade
away?
What will it be like when You call my
name,
In that moment when I see You face to
face?
I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say:

CHORUS

Well done, well done, my good and
faithful one.
Welcome to the place where you belong.
Well done, well done, my beloved child.
You have run the race and now you're
home.
Welcome to the place where you belong.

What will it be like when tears are washed
away,
And every broken thing will finally be
made whole?
What will it be like when I come into Your
glory,

Standing in the presence of a love so
beautiful?
I'm waiting my whole life for that day.
I will live my life to hear You say:

CHORUS

Well done, well done, my good and
faithful one.
Welcome to the place where you belong.
Well done, well done, my beloved child.
You have run the race and now you're
home.
Welcome to the place where you belong.

BRIDGE

What will it be like when I hear that
sound?
All of heaven's angels crying out.
Singing, Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Lord.
Singing, Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Lord.
Singing, Holy, Holy, Holy are You, Lord.
Waiting my whole life for that day,
Until then I'll live to hear You say:

CHORUS

Well done, well done, my good and
faithful one.
Welcome to the place where you belong.
Well done, well done, my beloved child.

You have run the race and now you're
home.
Welcome to the place where you belong.

Well done

Truth Be Told

Lie number one:
You're supposed to have it all together.
And when they ask how you're doing
Just smile and tell them, Never better.

fix it.
There's no failure, no fall,
There's no sin you don't already know,
So let the truth be told.

Lie number two:
Everybody's life is perfect except yours.
So keep your messes and your wounds
Your secrets safe with you behind
closed doors.
Truth be told,
The truth is rarely told.

There's a sign on the door
Says come as you are, but I doubt it.
'Cause if we lived like that was true
Every Sunday morning pew would be
crowded.

I say I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
I'm broken.
And when it's out of control
I say it's under control, but it's not
And you know it.

But didn't you say church should
Look more like a hospital?
A safe place for the sick,
The sinner and the scarred and the
prodigal - Just like me.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
When being honest is the only way to

Truth be told,
The truth is rarely told.
Am I the only one who says

I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
 Hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
 I'm broken.
 And when it's out of control
 I say it's under control, but it's not
 And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
 When being honest is the only way to
 fix it.
 There's no failure, no fall,
 There's no sin you don't already know,
 So let the truth be told.
 Can I really stand here unashamed
 Knowing that your love for me won't
 change?
 Oh, God, if that's really true
 Then let the truth be told.

I say I'm fine, yeah, I'm fine, oh, I'm fine,
 Hey, I'm fine, but I'm not,
 I'm broken.
 And when it's out of control
 I say it's under control, but it's not
 And you know it.

I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
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 fix it.
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There's no failure, no fall,
 There's no sin you don't already know,
 So let the truth be told.

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.

C Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation:
We believe, We believe.

In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation;
We believe, We believe.

Chorus

We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
And He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.

We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
And He's coming back again. We
believe.

Verse 2

So, let our faith be more than anthems,
Greater than the songs we sing,
In our weakness and temptations
We believe, We believe!

Chorus

We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
And He's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion.
 We believe that He conquered death.
 We believe in the resurrection,
 And He's coming back again,

Bridge

Let the lost be found, and the dead be
 raised;
 in the here and now let love invade.
 Let the church live loud! Our God will
 save.

We believe! We believe!
 And the gates of hell will not prevail,
 for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail.
 We believe! We believe!

Chorus

We believe in God the Father.
 We believe in Jesus Christ.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 And He's given us new life.
 We believe in the crucifixion.
 We believe that He conquered death.
 We believe in the resurrection,
 And He's coming back, He's coming
 back again!
 We believe, We believe!



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 Family Life Director Music Director	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn Jeanette Koch Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	Mark Baumgarten
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart
Ushers	Mark Baumgarten Ernie Edick
Counting Team	Melissa Raikes Kathy Verseman Dennis Verseman
Welcome Center	Kathy Verseman
Greeters	Foor Family
Tech Team	Shibu George
Altar Society	Nancy Berg Kara Patterson Kellen Patterson
Acolyte	Jenna Raikes

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

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

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

THURSDAYS – Bible Quizzing - practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM JV/Varsity or 6:45-8:00PM Little League Practice

Attendance Last week: 12.29.2024.– Attendance - 8:30am -65 + 11:00am - 68 = 133

Communion – 115

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808,

Received week of 12.29.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$28,368 - total includes online giving

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Joyce Carr

1066 Washington Circle

Northville, MI 48167

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

5	JAN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship with Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
6	JAN, MON	● 5 – 6pm	Board of Social Ministry Ladies Lounge
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders parish hall
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Trustees classroom #3
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Bd. of Youth and Family Education church office
7	JAN, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball
8	JAN, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
		● 3:45 – 4:45pm	PTL Meeting
		● 5:30 – 7pm	Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Northville Swim Club (NSC) Room #3
9	JAN, THU	● 3 – 5pm	Bible Quizzing-JV/Varsity Parish Hall
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
		● 6:45 – 8pm	Bible Quizzing- Little League Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Grizzlies Basketball
10	JAN, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
11	JAN, SAT	● 9 – 11am	Soccer Shots - gym
		● 9 – 10:30am	Men's Bible Study parish hall
		● 12 – 3:30pm	Bible Quizzing Tournament



*Time to take the Christmas Decorations Down! -
Please come join us. January 7th starting at 2pm to
take the decorations down - you can help for any
amount of time! All is appreciated - See you then!*

Happy New Year 2025!!! We are going to start something new with Sign Up Genius and the 3rd Wednesday of the month meal planning for Family of God. Marcy is working on the Sign up Genius, Barbara asked her to make a one year plan for baking brownies and serving. If you currently are making brownies or would like to start, please sign up and note how many you will be making and how often throughout the year. If you are currently serving or would like to serve, please sign up. We are working to streamline the Wednesday night volunteers. We need 100 wrapped brownies each month and at least 4 servers each month. We understand if you sign up and have a change of plans throughout the year and need to reschedule. Lets work to fill up our plan. Thank you all very much. Questions, please talk to Barbara, Marcy, Pat, or Sue.



Thank you to all that participated in the Big Boy dining event and the children's school Christmas Store. Whether you dined at Big Boy or donated items to the Christmas store, we appreciate your support. The school received a check from Big Boy for \$135.69 and the Christmas store earned \$703. Proceeds from both will go toward activities for the school, including the Special Person Dance, VIP Day and the school auction. The school's children, parents and staff are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the St. Paul family.



OUR NEW MEMBERS Please welcome the Berman family as new members to St. Paul. Colleen is the mother of adult twin daughters Paige and Brooke. Colleen's husband is Barry Berman. The family attended Pastor Chris's Fall Newcomer Class. We are so happy you decided to make St. Paul your new church home. Look for their pictures on the new member bulletin board. We look forward to getting to know them better and welcoming them to our St. Paul family.

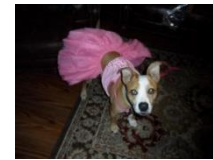


Christmas Dinner for Family of God

On December 18 a delicious hot Christmas dinner of ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, jellied cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, brownies and drinks was delivered to FOG. Our brownie bakers were Jan Faerber, Kim Ruth, Gretchen Hasse and Karen Frusti. Thank you for being part of the 3rd Wednesday team that gave St. Paul the name of the Brownie Church.

The meal left Northville with Julia Smith as our driver and experienced packer. Eric, Julia's son who got up at 4 am to catch a 6 am flight from DC to join us, Barbara Hoffmeier and Pat McGuigan also went to serve. This was Eric's 3rd year taking a Christmas meal to FOG with us and we always look forward to spending the evening with him. Yeah, Eric! Tradition is a wonderful thing.

We had a new guest when we got there, a 5-month-old puppy in a made a peep until someone knocked on the table. I guess she was at the door.



tutu. She never thought someone



Another surprise was the number of children that turns out, they were just finishing Jesus party. We haven't seen a lot of children since Covid and the person who had away. Now Sue been planning activities for them retired and moved recently started up a children's program. What a blessing.



were there. As it a happy birthday Hatcher, one of the founders of Family of God, has

We arrived a bit earlier than usual and there weren't many people there. Someone informed us that the night before was a small group. The evening started as usual with take outs being made, the announcements, gentlemen take off your hats and grace. We started serving with children and women first and then the men forming the service line. We were all busy serving and talking to people as they came through, so we didn't notice the room filling up and the line growing. We started serving seconds but bit by bit we ran out of everything until we only had some ham and rolls left. We asked Pastor Hill what he wanted us to do. He said, "let's make sandwiches." So, we cut the ham smaller and rolls and pastor said and then we ran out of maybe I have some in the kitchen. Back with a package of rolls This happened twice until all the ham was gone. It felt like the Everyone was fed and no one went away hungry. The Lord 2025 arrives, St. Paul has committed once again to serving 2 meals a month to our friends at Family of God. Watch for ways you can help.





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