Welcome to worship this morning! Thanks for turning off, or silencing, your cell phones. Please, no food or beverages in the sanctuary during the service – and it is a gift to others if you wait until later to enjoy them.

You may use a Connections Card to communicate something to Pastor Cory or for office attention; look for a card in the pocket on the back of a chair in front of you. You may put your card in an offering box or leave it on the desk in the church office.

<u>TODAY</u>

10:10 am Coffee Time in the fellowship hall

- 10:15 am Children's Carols rehearsal
- **10:30 am** Adult Bible Study Hebrews (with Peter Meacham) Outspokin' – led by Doug and Lois Kurschner

Offerings for December 8 include

~ General Fund (our "core ministries") – \$3,775

~ Wish List - \$70

~ Helping Hand – \$10

THE BIBLE. SERIOUSLY.

In order to become the people of Christ our Lord intends and to meet the challenges of future ministry, we covenant together to pray, to teach and preach the Word, and to trust in the sovereignty of God.

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Worship Service December 15, 2024

Third Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Ellen Muench, piano

Pastor Cory Dahl

An Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed hymnal, #716 I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the guick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

(Chorus)

Christ alone: Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord: Lord of all!

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil; My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone; faultless to stand before the throne. (Chorus two times)

Jov to the World!

Carol

#125 (vv.1,4)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Carol Silent Night #147 (v.1) Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Carol Angels We Have Heard on High #132 (vv.1,3) Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful #145 (vv.1,2)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him – Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him – Christ the Lord!

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him, all creatures here below! Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Unison Scripture Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Unison Scripture John 1:14, 16 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ...from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Moment for Prayer and Reflection

(Children age 3 through Grade 1 will be dismissed for Children's Church)

Sermon

Psalms for the Season: Kiss the Son! Psalm 2 ~ worship Bible, p.568

Postlude

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We don't "pass the plate" during the service. There are lots of ways to give... You may put your offering in a box anytime, give online through CCB or PushPay, send a check, drop off your offering for the safe, use the First Baptist app! Many ways to "worship through giving"...

Fighter Verse to recite on Sunday, December 22

Hebrews 3:12-13

Take care, brothers and sisters, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.





December 15, 2024

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	8:00 am	Worship Service broadcast Sturgeon Bay cable channel 989 (repeated 5:00 pm)
Wednesday	NO "Wednesday Night @ FBC" (resumes 1/8/25)	
Thursday	6:30 am	Men's Prayer ('til 7; Café Lounge)

PRAYER REMINDERS

Church Family	Jim & Ginny Kenyon Kurt & Vicki Kluge Doug & Lois Kurschner
Ministry Partners	Training Leaders International

Missionary Friends Rhesa Gravino (Santisuk English School in Bangkok) uses her passion for cooking and baking to make class parties at the Santisuk center delicious and memorable – and she has special opportunities for outreach and hospitality at Christmastime. Please pray for her joy in Jesus and effectiveness in teaching English and telling Thai people about Jesus.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK -

- 12/18 Emeryl Trabert
- 12/20 Rick Webber
- 12/22 Pamela Parks (Next Sunday)

Did we miss you? Let us know, please.

And if you think we might not have your birthday info, please let us know.





CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service 5:00 pm Prelude begins at 4:45 Service concludes by 5:50

Provide a Poinsettia to Remember or Honor Someone



If you would like to donate a poinsettia to help decorate the church building and remember or honor someone special, please give a "little extra" (around \$20) sometime *soon*. Mark your envelope or check memo "poinsettia". Donors and honorees will be noted in the January newsletter.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

You can post your Christmas greetings to the church family by using the bulletin board across from the church library.

Be sure to check the board throughout the month to see who's wishing you a Merry Christmas – a listing of "Christmas greeters" will be published in January's newsletter and the bulletin on January 5.



Get a new Bible Reading Guide from "Discipleship Journal" – they are available at our *Resource Center for Prayer and the Ministry of The Word* (on the wall in the

upper lobby area at church). **Prepare for a great start in the Bible in** 2025; a Reading Guide can be a big help.

Be a Bell-Ringer for the Salvation Army!

The Christmas season brings the sound of The Salvation Army ringing bell at red kettles all around the county! Help neighbors in need by volunteering to ring! Door County families needing emergency assistance benefit from the proceeds from local bell-ringing, and your help

is needed! Volunteer to ring at one of many locations in Door County. It's fun and rewarding! Ringing runs through Tuesday, December 24. Sign up to ring by contacting Nancy Kexel-Calabresa by text or call at 920-883-7886 or email <u>nakc1@icloud.com</u> for questions and to sign up.

> ~ Caroling on Third ~ Christmas Caroling in Downtown Sturgeon Bay Sunday, December 22 at 1pm

> > Meet at the Bell Tower on 3rd Avenue Hot Chocolate ~ Cookies ~ Fun!

Sign-up sheet is on the Community Outreach bulletin board

Follow the Star...

Christmastide Church Open House

Follow the Star is an opportunity to visit other churches in Sturgeon Bay adorned in festive splendor and to learn something of how they celebrate Christmas. You are invited to this free, self-guided tour of local churches.

Sunday, December 29, from 1-4 pmSt. Peter's LutheranSt. Joseph CatholicFriends CommunityBay View LutheranCorpus Christi CatholicFirst Baptist

Visit as many churches as you wish in any order.