

# Sharing Gifts

Sunday, January 5th, 2025



# WELCOME!

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Prelude

“We Three Kings”

Jackie Oakes

Welcome

Prayers of the People

Prayer of the Day

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm Litany

Psalm 117

**Pastor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Extol him, all you peoples!

**All:** For great is his steadfast love towards us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

**Praise the Lord!**

Sharing the Peace

*If you do not wish to shake hands, simply share a peace sign!*



Opening Hymn:

“As with Gladness Men of Old”  
#302 Red Hymnal V 1-3

Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

Special Music: "Welcome to Our World" by Chris Rice,  
sung by Allison Cayo

Sermon Pastor Casey

Hymn of the Day "The First Noel" #300  
Red Hymnal - All verses

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died,  
and was buried.

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day  
He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand  
Of the Father  
And He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Communion



**All Are Welcome to the Table**

Distribution Music

“Love Has Come”

Jackie Oakes

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Go Tell It On The Mountain”  
#290 Red Hymnal**

**Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Now is Born the Divine Christ Child” Jackie Oakes**

**Reader \* Communion  
Usher \* Greeter**



**We did it! THANK YOU!!!  
To Date:  
HVAC Matching Funds**



Anyone interested in helping or willing to learn more about what's involved should see or contact Carol Emmel via email ([c.emmel@hotmail.com](mailto:c.emmel@hotmail.com)) or via phone (414-573-6088).

**Serving in Worship  
1/12/2025**

**Usher:  
Steve and Linda Westlie**

**Greeter:  
Marlene Goetz**

**Communion Assistant:  
Pat Schiek**

**Reader:  
Tony/Christa Mollgaard**



**Building Blocks of Redevelopment**  
 Workshop #1  
 Play  
 Sunday January 12th 10am  
 Fellowship Hall



**Building Blocks of Redevelopment**  
 Workshop #2  
 Storytelling  
 Sunday January 26th,  
 10am Fellowship Hall



**Building Blocks of Redevelopment**  
 Workshop #3  
 Failure  
 Sunday, February 9th  
 10am, Fellowship Hall



**Building Blocks of Redevelopment**  
 Workshop #4  
 Hospitality  
 Sunday February 23rd  
 10am Fellowship Hall



# Happenings at Our Saviors!

## 2025

- January 12 – Building Blocks Redevelopment – Play
  - January 26 – Building Blocks Redevelopment – Storytelling
  - February 2 – Congregational Meeting/Timeline of Events
  - February 9 – Building Blocks Redevelopment – Failure
  - February 23– Building Blocks Redevelopment – Hospitality
  - March 3– Congregational Meeting– Budget
- Dates are subject to change