Second Sunday After Christmas
January 1, 2023

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Centering Music: "How brightly shines the morning star"
D. Buxtehude **played by Steve Kane**

Call To Worship:
Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun
People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice
The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future
O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path
We enter this new year with hope and excitement
O Lord, remind us that You lead us
All: O Lord, guide us as [we] look to You and worship You. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Red Hymnal: 238

CONFESSION OF SINS (in unison):

Friends, as we gather our thoughts into quietness, we confess our sins to the One who knows us best. We know ourselves chosen, adopted as children of God. We dare to believe that you and I are part of a plan conceived before the foundation of the universe. But are we living as God's children? Are we honoring our inheritance? We know ourselves called, but we're so easily distracted. We know ourselves loved, but we balk at the cost. Come, friends, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silent Meditation
Words of Assurance:

Friends, our God has poured out grace upon grace, freely, in great abundance, even on you, even on me. though we never earned it and don't deserve it. In Christ we are made new through his blood; all your sins and mine crumble away. In Christ we are forgiven, signed with the Spirit, lavished with gift upon gift, released into hope to live for praise and for glory. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology
Prayer of Dedication for Offering:
God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men sent by Herod, we, too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. As were the people in those days, we are surprised that we find you not in a palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our wealth seem simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and outshined by what you have given us. Just the same, use our gifts for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion—as would befit the Savior who sleeps in a manger. It's in is holy name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT:

HYMN: "There's a Song in the Air" Red Hymnal 249

LISTENING TO THE WORD:

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "What Star Do You Follow?"

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion:

A Service of Word and Table II (Red Hymnal pg. 13-15)

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

CLOSING HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Red Hymnal 251

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

THE GOOD WORDS

DEPARTING MUSIC:" Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
(W. Held) Played by Steve Kane

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a "Free Dinner to Go"
January 12th from 5:30-6:15 pm

Please join us for "Card Making with Betty Green"
Feb. 4th from 2-3:30 pm
Register by 12 noon Feb 1st. 2023
Adults $8/children $5

Youth Group grades 6-12 are welcome to join us after worship on January 8th & 22nd
(snack & lesson)
Any questions please contact
Missy: 207-249-0285 or Rita: 585-520-4970

Youth Group will be hosting their "Super Bowl" baked potato bar on February 12th following worship service. $10 includes:
1 lg baked potato with your choice of toppings
(If eating in, water, coffee or punch will be provided)

If there are any children interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact
Donna Crouse at 315-694-2512 or
Rose Copper-Brown at 315-719-4292

The Office will be closed
Dec. 26th & January 2nd

OFFICE HOURS:
MON-THURS. 8:30-2 PM
Closed from 12-12:30

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Rev. Rebecca L. Laird

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