

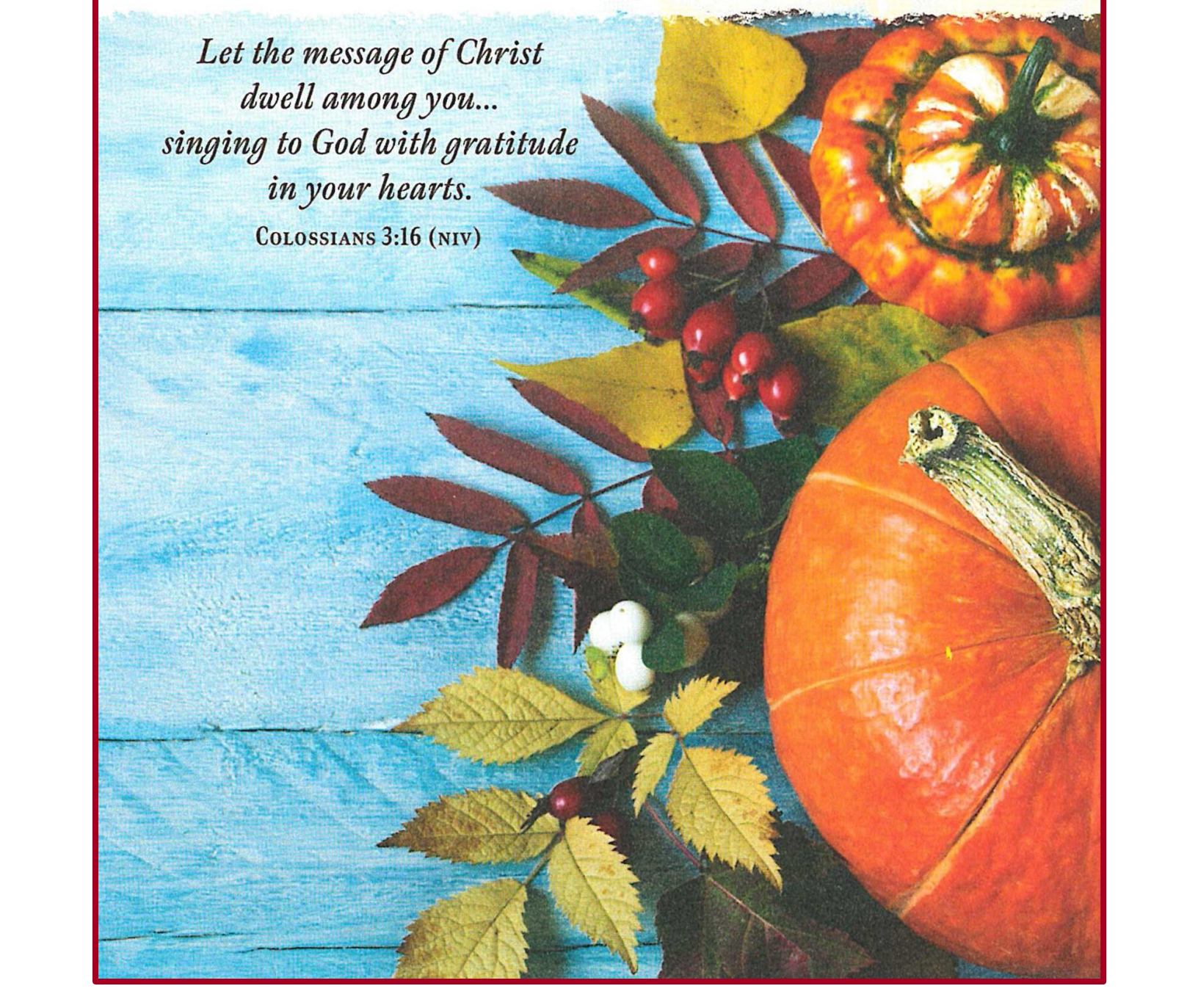


*Give*

# Thanks

*Let the message of Christ  
dwell among you...  
singing to God with gratitude  
in your hearts.*

COLOSSIANS 3:16 (NIV)





+Thanksgiving Eve+  
**November 22, 2023**

**AS WE GATHER**

In Luke 17, we hear the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a despised Samaritan. Jesus did not take back His healing of the nine, despite their seeming lack of gratitude. He simply exclaimed, “Where are the nine?” None of us can claim to have never been with the nine. Our national day of Thanksgiving reminds us all that we take so much for granted and that our lives are not always lived in thankfulness and gratitude to God. Yet that does not stop Jesus from loving us, forgiving our sins by His cross, dying and rising for us, and giving us the power of His Spirit to, however imperfectly, express thanks to God.

*The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weekend (and major festivals).*

**Liturgical Color:**

***White is the color of purity and is associated with festivals of Christ and his Church***

**Prelude** .....Rich Vanderburgh

**Pastoral Welcome**

*Please rise.*

**Gathering Hymn** ..... *“We Praise You, O God”, #785*



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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## Compline

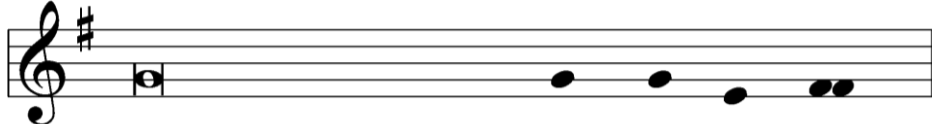
Opening Verses..... *page 253*



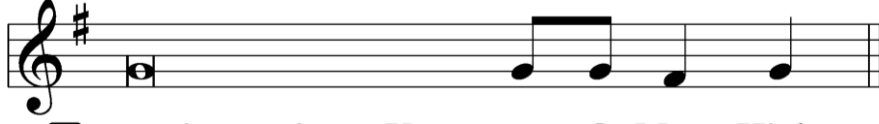
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



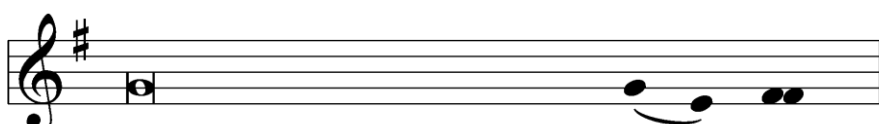
**C** A - men.



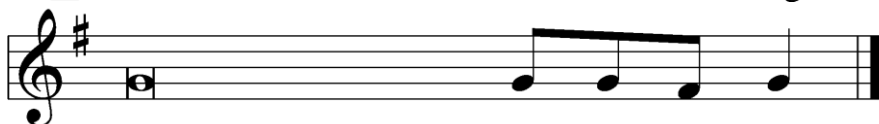
**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession..... *page 254*

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

## Psalmody

**Psalm 67** ..... (*front of hymnal, spoken in unison*)

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Office Hymn..... "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" #893



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.  
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.  
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.  
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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*Please be seated.*

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading..... Deuteronomy 8:1-10

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep

the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

**Epistle Reading ..... 1 Timothy 2:1-4**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel ..... Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

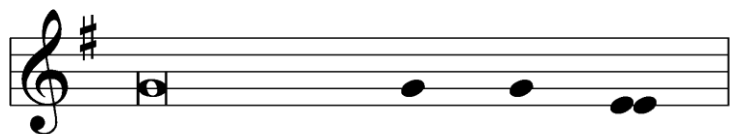
**Sermon..... “Feasting on Gratitude”**

**Offering**

*Please rise.*

**Prayer**

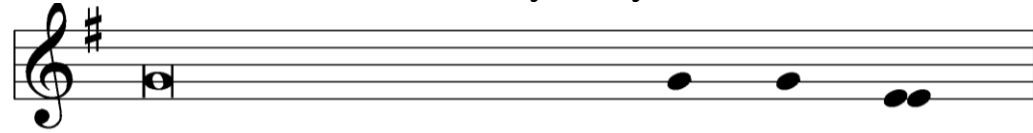
**Prayer.....pages 256-257**



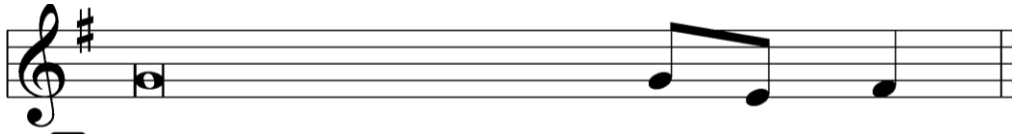
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



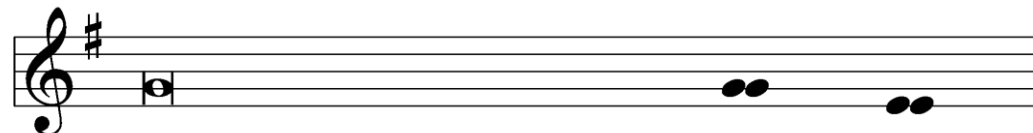
**C** listen to my cry.



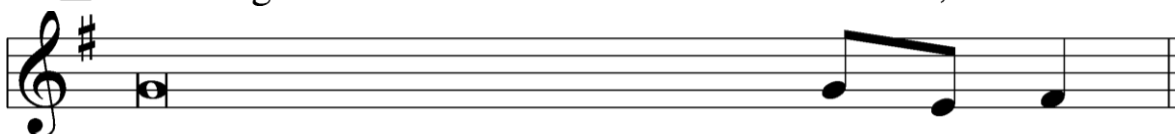
**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



**L** In righteousness I shall see You;



**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

Lord's Prayer.....page 257

Nunc Dimittis .....page 258



**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared



in the sight of ev - ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions



and the glory of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -  
*Antiphon*  
 ev - er. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may  
 watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**Benediction**.....page 259

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son,  
 and the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us.  
**C** A - men.

**Sending Hymn**....."For the Fruits of His Creation", #894

1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.  
 For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the





plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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**Dismissal** ..... (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P** Grow in Christ,
- C** Live in Love and Share the Faith!

**Postlude** ..... Rich Vanderburgh

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- Musician ..... Rich Vanderburgh
- Altar Committee ..... Teresa Hillsman-Chair Lisa Gulick, Beryl Lindley  
 Susie Mills, Cindy Schnell, Samantha Schnell
- Flower Committee ..... Penny Humphrey (Chair), Cindy Smith

**This Week's Schedule:**

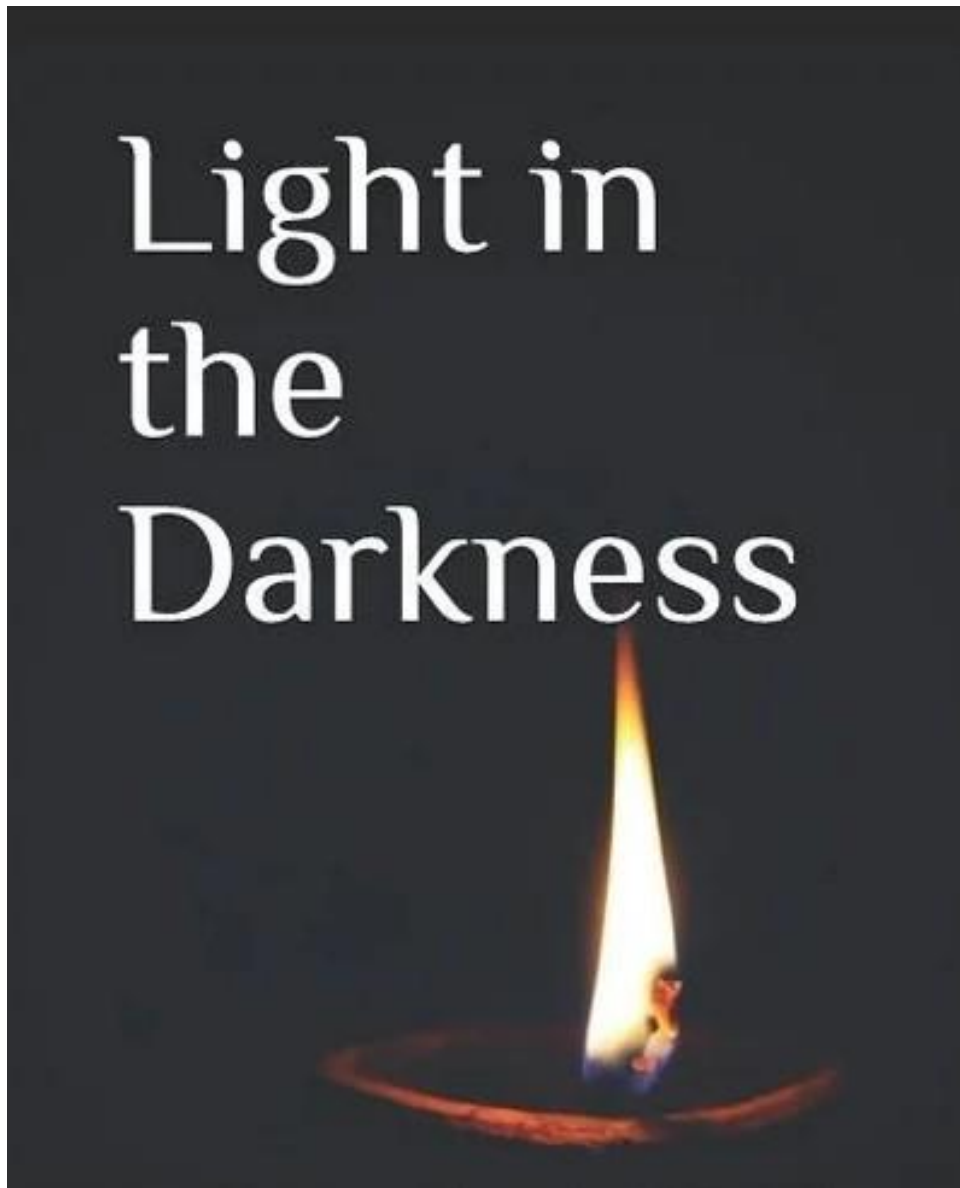
- Thursday *Thanksgiving Holiday-Office Closed*
- Friday *Thanksgiving Holiday-Office Closed*
- Saturday 5:30 p.m. Worship
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m. Christian Education
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

**Advent Services-Light in the Darkness**  
**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

*December 6-Darkness & Light*

*December 13-Living & Dying in Darkness*

*December 20-Christ the Light Come in the Dark*



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### **Our Mission**

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

### **Our Vision**

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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