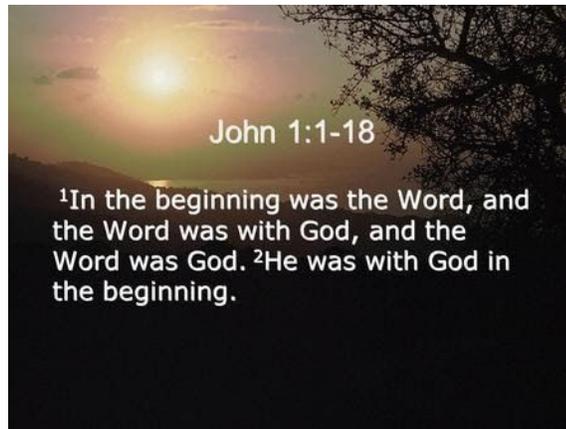




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January 3, 2021
Second Sunday of Christmas
10:00 am on YouTube
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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: And also with you

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
God forgives us all our sins,
not through our own work,
but through ✝ Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
With all who come to the manger,
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah

⁷For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you O Lord

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Chris

SERMON

Reverend Jon Wallace

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

R: Your mercy is great.

R: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Jon Wallace
Ann Bolick
Ross Gosse
Mike Faggart

Guest Speaker
Worship Assistant
Streaming
Sound

Announcements

PLEASE Visit Sign-Up Genius to sign up for **Altar Flowers**...https://www.signup_genius.com/register or call the office to check for dates.

Altar Flowers	
01/03	Open
01/10	Open
01/17	Open
01/24	N. Jones
01/31	Open

BIBLE STUDY: The Monday Night Bible Study will continue to meet in January. This group meets on Zoom each Monday evening at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join them (it's a very informal platform) call the church to get the Zoom meeting ID and password.



Homebound: Louise Isenhour, John & Brenda Thompson

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor)

Continued Prayers for: Dick Tolbert, Jo-Ann Foster, Dan Gleason, Jo-Ann Popham, Nancy Wilcox, Mitch Simpson, Kelly Tanner, Brent Giles, Pastor Michael, Barbara Linker, Neal Fudge, Jeff Lorenz, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Elaine Vincent's mom

A huge thank you to Reverend Jon Wallace for filling in for Pastor Michael this weekend.

READINGS FOR JANUARY

- January 3** Jeremiah 31:7-14; First Reading (alternate) Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:12-20;
Psalm (alternate) Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18
- January 10** Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
- January 17** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
- January 24** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
- January 31** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Stewardship Corner	December 27, 2020
Operating Ministry Receipts	\$3,122.00
Weekly Ministry Receipts Needed	\$3,853.37
Total Weekly Over (Under)	(\$731.37)
Total for the Month (Under)	(\$4,623.93)



2020 Poinsettias Given by:

Tim and Becky Barrier
Linda Barringer
Tim and Ann Bolick

Shelley Cooke
Mike and Roxanne Fox
Pastor Michael and Judy Frye
Darlene Gayan
Rachael Kennedy
Ron and Kitty Smith

In honor of our family
In memory of my brother, Bob Faggart
In memory of our parents who worked so hard to make
Christmas a time of giving
In honor of the glory of God
In honor of our spouses, children and grandchildren
In honor of our fathers, In memory of our mothers
In memory of Marilyn Sullivan
In memory of my beloved Mike Kennedy
In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ