



United Methodist Church
1st Sunday after Christmas
December 31st, 2023

Prelude **Joy to the World** *Barbara Shaw*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit *Acolyte(s)*

Greeting and Welcome *Rev. Peter Freytag*

*** Call to Worship**

One: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise the LORD from the heavens; in the heights!

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All: Praise the LORD angels; sun and moon; shining stars; highest heavens!

One: The LORD commanded, and they were created.

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes, presidents and all rulers of the earth; praise the LORD!

One: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who alone is exalted; whose glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD!

*** Hymn** **Angels we have Heard on High** *Hymnal #238*

*** Scripture** **Galatians 4:4-7** *Pew Bible N.T.#178*

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

Prayer Time – Sharing prayers of concern and celebration.

Unison Prayer

One: Precious Jesus, we gather to celebrate the birth of the Messiah among us.

All: O God, by whom all life is changed for the better, move us now, through the words of long ago, to hear Your word today.

One: Open our hearts and lives.

All: Open us to make room for the babe of Bethlehem, open us to make room for the Savior of the world. By His word, open us to all sojourners.

One: Reign within us Lord,

All: Help us realize our Hope is in You. Help us to share Your love with others. Guide us into inner peace and in peacemaking. Lord, in Your name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison) *Hymnal #270*

Offertory **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** *Barbara Shaw*

*** Scripture** **Luke 2:22-40** *Pew Bible N.T. #55*

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

*** Hymn** **Go Tell it on the Mountain** *VBS Video*

Sermon **Complete** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

*** Hymn** **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** *Hymnal #240*

Benediction **Go Now In Peace** *Congregation*

* Please stand if you are able

This Week's Calendar:

Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: Office is Closed

Monday - Friday -Tonga Fellowship Week of Prayer: 7 p.m.

Thursday - Friday: Office open 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

Next Sunday, January 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.: English Worship Service

Prayers in our Church Family:

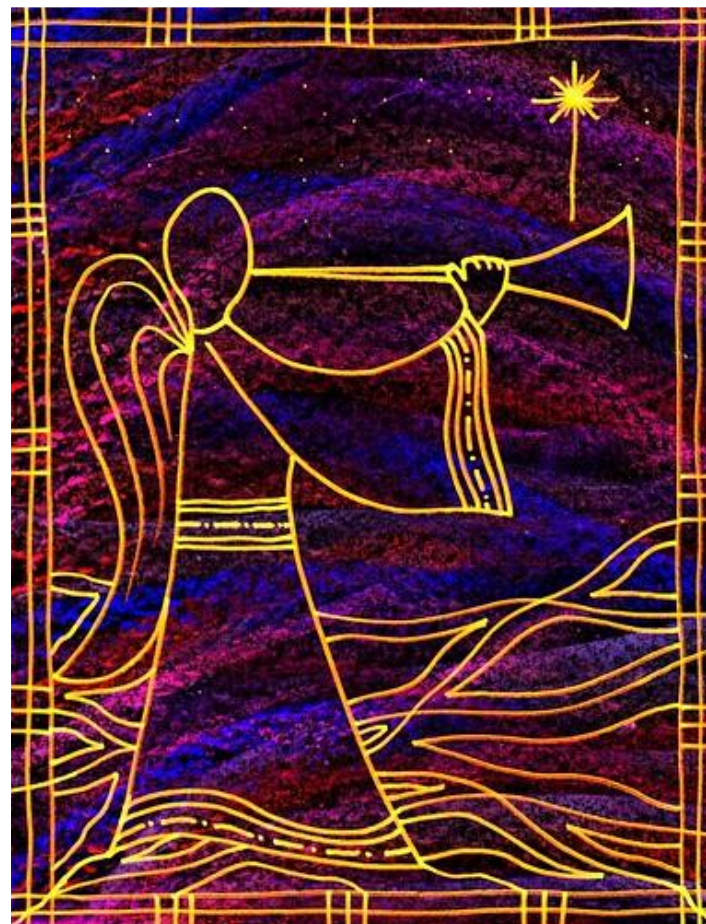
- Ahi T. Jr. serious injuries from car accident.
- Brothers and sisters in war torn locations.
- Men and women serving their country
- Dawn's dad Don home
- Steve B. wonderful recovery
- Christa B. knee surgery
- Deb G.'s G-Granddaughter – Vivian (3 yr.) biopsy results
- Deb G. friend Darlene whose father passed
- Ruella's Cousin Chuck who died, cousin Artie in hospice
- Jim L. Sciatic pain and balance as he rehabs at home
- Holly A. families struggling with internal issues
- Renee V. incapacitated by final ankle surgery

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*
Office Manager: *Paea Kelemeni*
Lay Leader: *Mark Dockter*
Ad Council Chair: *Mike Sumrall*
Accompanist: *Barbara Shaw*

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Lay Delegate: *Melba Taylor*
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