

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH SONG!

We will be Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 6pm, at the Maples at Waterford Crossing's Health Care Center. Afterward we will carol at the homes of a few members of our church. All are invited to join us for this gift of love to our community. If you'd like to car-pool, meet here at the church at 5:30pm, or you can just meet us at the Maples at 6. Talk to John Wesseler if you have questions!

Do you need Giving Envelopes for 2024? Talk to Edna VanDiepenbos, and she will make sure you get a set in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks!

World Missionary Press is hosting a Prayer Service against Human Trafficking on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm in their World Prayer Center. Pastor Chris Russell of Destiny Rescue will be speaking. The event is free, but those wishing to attend are encouraged to RSVP by January 8th to Steve at 574-831-2111 ex. 230 or by email at stevek@wmpress.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Needed to make Budget each month: \$9,183
Given in December (as of 12/10): \$2,473
Budget giving needed (Jan-Nov.): \$101,013
Actual Budget giving (Jan-Nov.): \$83,138
(\$17,875 under budget for the year)



December 17th, 2023

Today's Message:
"Abundant Joy"
Pastor Jeff Estep

9am– Sunday School
10am– Fellowship
10:15am– Morning Worship

Pastor Jeff Estep

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Find us online at www.newparisfirst.com!

Calendar:

Sunday, December 17th– Christmas Caroling, 6pm

Sunday, December 24th– 10:15am Worship, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
8pm– Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Birthdays!!

Sun., Dec. 17th– Jimmy Read

Wed. Dec. 20th– Aleck & Aubrey Lantz

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

Fri., Dec. 29th– Jim & Sarah Morris

Prayer Concerns:

- Praise for all the Cancer Support Group has been able to do this year. They will be taking a break until Vicki returns from Florida
- Barb J., from Butterfly Mornings, is struggling with cancer, please pray for her and family
- Becky– Fairfield's Jr. High Robotics team did extremely well at semi-state! Congrats to Aaron and Anthony!
- Jan– friend Annette is home after accident, recovering from 5 broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Thankful that she has prayer support around her

**December 17th, 2023–
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude

**Welcome and Announcements–
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy**

**Opening Hymn– #128– It Came Upon The Midnight
Clear**

Scripture & Prayer– Psalm 22:23-24, 26

“You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help...The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him– may your hearts live forever!

Hymn- #141– O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Message– Abundant Joy
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Responding in Worship– The Worship Team

Closing Prayer

If you have an offering to give this morning, please place it in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Leading Worship Today– Megan Long

Sermon Notes:

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday– Galatians 5:16-26 **Monday–** Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday– Luke 1:46-56 **Wednesday–** Luke 2:25-40

Thursday– Psalm 98 **Friday–** John 16:17-24

Saturday– Hebrews 12:1-3

Upcoming Sermons:

December 24th– Abundant Peace– The night of Christ’s birth, angels announced “peace” to the shepherds near Bethlehem. Christ came to bring peace between us and God, and that peace should radiate outward from us and to a world lost in strife.

December 31st– Christmas Carol Sing!- We will have a short message, and ring out the Christmas season by singing all of our favorite carols together!!!

January 7th– Welcome to Corinth!- In the first sermon in our “On Target” Sermon Series, we will look at the beginnings and struggles of the church in Corinth.

Connect With Your Pastor

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