

**Welcome!** As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

## First Sunday after Christmas

December 29 2024 10:00 a.m. Watch and subscribe on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQdMrwgOpQqS6vn68WMxhow

Prelude

"Of the Father's love begotten" *Based on hymn 82* "Fum, fum, fum" Joe Utterback

**Richard Lind** 





Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

People Celebrant People	There is one Body and one Spirit; <b>There is one hope in God's call to us;</b> One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; <b>One God and Father of all.</b>
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

First Lesson

*Reader:* A Reading from the book of Isaiah: (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

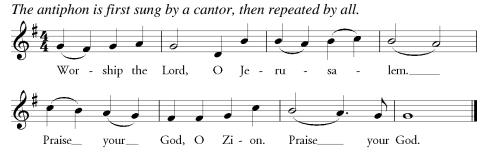
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest. until her vindication shines out like the dawn. and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

# Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 147:13-21



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup>who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace on your borders

and satisfies you with the finest wheat.	
<sup>15</sup> God sends out a command to the earth,	
a word that runs very swiftly. Antiphon	
<sup>16</sup> God gives snow like wool,	
scattering frost like ashes.	
<sup>17</sup> God scatters hail like bread crumbs.	
Who can stand against God's cold?	
<sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;	
the wind blows, and the waters flow.	
<sup>19</sup> God declares the word to Jacob,	
statutes and judgments to Israel.	
<sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any other nation;	
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!	Antiphon

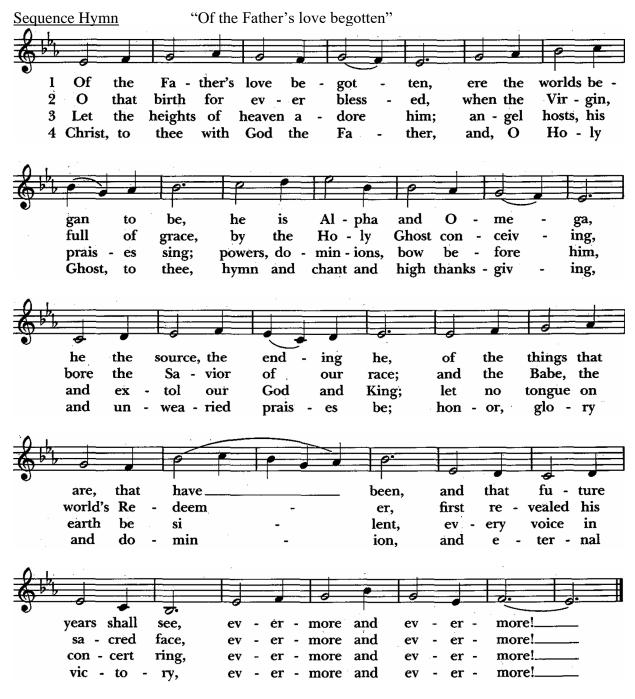
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<u>The Second Lesson</u> *Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (3:23-25; 4:4-7)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.



Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582

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The Gospel

(John 1:1-18)

Deacon:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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

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

And 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. (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."") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

#### The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Sawyer James Martin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

#### Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer	I do.
Question	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer	I do.
Question	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer	I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with Sawyer who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptisn	nal Covenant
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	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. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the hely esthelie Church
	the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
	the forgiveness of sins,
	the resurrection of the body,
	and the life everlasting.
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	I will, with God's help.

Celebrant People	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant People	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation* Let us now pray for Sawyer who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>

#### The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying	
	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Baptism

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying* Sawyer, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

When this action has been completed for the candidate, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, and saying to him

Sawyer, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.** 

*The Celebrant says* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

#### Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### The Peace

Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

#### Announcements

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory

"Of the Father's love begotten" T. Federick H. Candlyn

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

When all gifts are brought to the table:

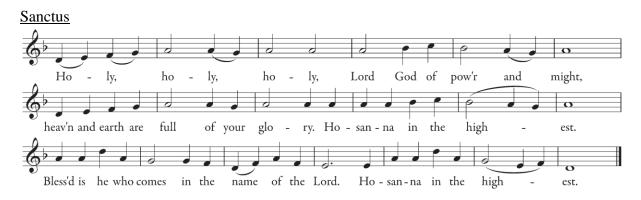
Celebrant	All things come of Thee, O Lord
People	And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

#### Eucharistic Prayer D



#### Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

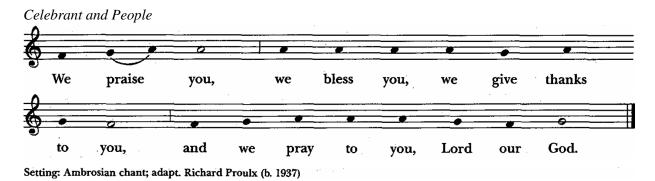


The people may stand or kneel.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love ...

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



#### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ...

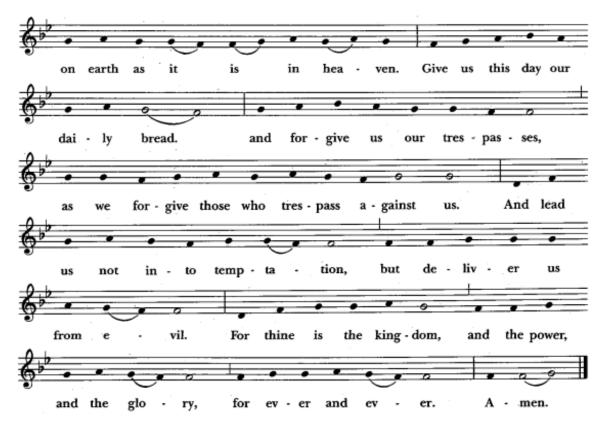
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



#### The Lord's Prayer

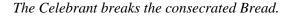
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

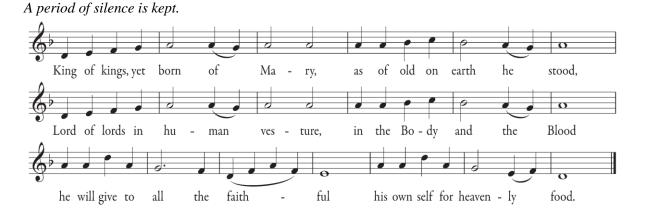




Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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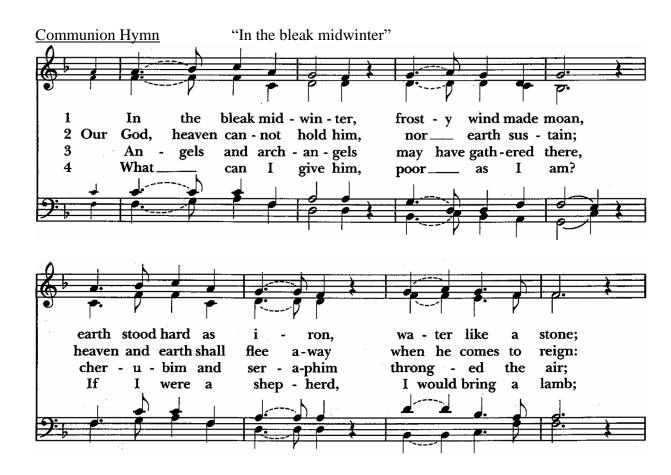


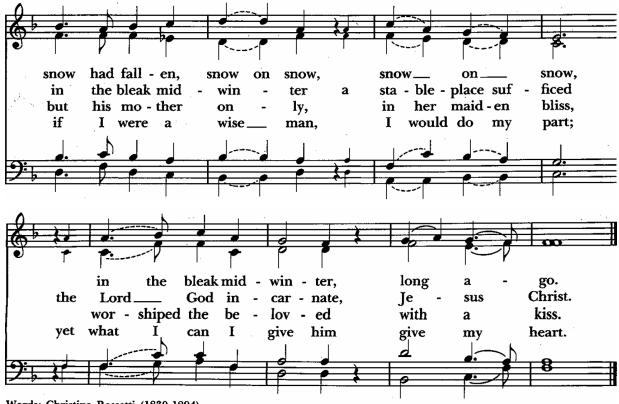


#### Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.





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Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

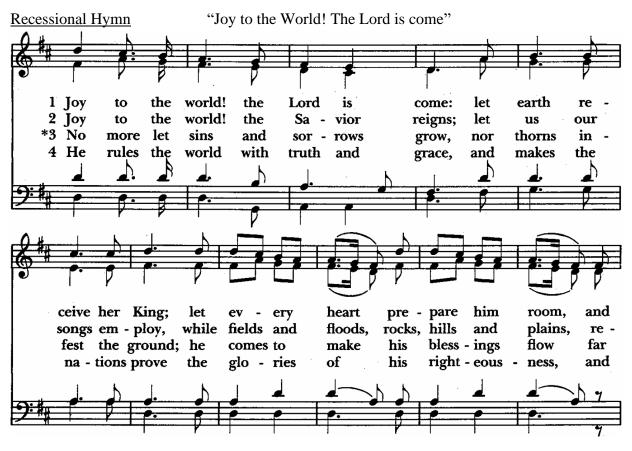
## To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant	(Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).
People	May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of
	Christ's presence.
Celebrant	May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that
	community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.
All	Amen.

## Blessing

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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#### Dismissal

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God!

<u>Postlude</u> "Paean on the 'Joy to the World""

David Lasky

We welcome you to St. Luke's in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service - coffee, juice and snacks are available.

#### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

ACOLYTE: Zar Telfeyan

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost, Darice

FIRST READER: Mick Burke

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: David Lang

CANTOR: Victoria Vollman

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Becky Turk

USHERS: Becky Turk, Darice Griffin

**COFFEE HOUR:** All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE For our Parish

#### For the Church: In the World

The Episcopal Church St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

#### For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee

Hospitality Center Racine Vocational Ministry The DeKoven Center

#### Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele **Homebound** Barbara, Jeanne

## **Thanksgiving for Birthdays** Hazel, Neil

#### Salvation Army Angel Tree- Thank YOU!

Forty-eight gifts were dropped off at the Salvation Army on December 16. Thank you to everyone able to participate- either by donating towards the purchase of gifts, or taking tags and shopping. Because of your generosity these children had a happier Christmas!

## Haiti Partnership Bake Sale & Craft Fair Results

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale and Haiti Art Fair on December 15th! Many people helped by providing home baked treats, donating money, and/or purchasing bake sale and Haitian coffee and art items. We realized over \$700 (our highest ever!), all of which will go to the Haiti Partnership to provide assistance with vital services in Jeanette, Haiti.

### Thanks to All Who Contributed

Many thanks to all those who contributed towards the Christmas flowers, offering and music and a thank you to Miller's Flowers for the donation of poinsettias.

## **Altar Flowers Sign Up**

The Altar flowers chart is up in Simpson Hall for 2025. You can remember a loved one by this nice tribute. If you like to include a dedication in the bulletin please call, put note in offering plate, or e-mail church office no later than Wednesday prior to the service. Thanks!

Another **year** will soon end and a **New Year** will begin. There is no doubt that God has blessed us in many ways in 2024. Some of us reached our goals and others did not. Some of us suffered the loss of a love one and others received a bundle of joy. This is the time to reflect on the blessings we have and set new resolutions for next year. HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Martha

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## VESTRY

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# Christmas Flowers/Music/Offering

Cindy Ganzel - In memory of Bill and Marge Ganzel, Jennifer Menghe

David Groth - In memory of Claire Catrine (sister) and Enid Jensen

Sophie Clay – In memory of James Clay

Darice Griffin - In memory of Mabel (grandmother), Mildred (mother) and great grandmother

Judy Panyk – In memory of Emil Panyk (husband)

Marshall Cushman - in memory of Jeri and in Thanksgiving for Stephen, Susan and their families

Zar Telfeyan - In memory of Kathy Williams, Dawn Geilfuss

Mabel DuPriest - In honor of Madeline and Evan DuPriest

Becky Turk - In memory of her parents (Bob & Sandy) and grandparents (Earl & Dorothy)

Al and Grace Ellingham - In memory of loved ones

Kathie Thompson - In memory of Judy Greenquist

Ed and Kathy McCarthy - In memory of Stark family siblings

Family and Friends - In memory of Shirley Horvath

Hazel Dickfoss - In remembrance of Fred Dickfoss and Kenneth Booth

Leah Nakamura - In thanksgiving for friends from Tuesday Morning Prayer

Liz Belconis - For the greater glory of God and in remembrance of William Belconis

Charles H. Constantine and Kathy and Neil Loomis – Christmas wreath on Columbarium was given in loving memory of Samuel and Agnes Rogers, Charles M. and Dorothy Constantine by their children

Jim Cook Gregory Rawlinko Brotherhood of St. Andrew