

IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, John Davis, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Ed Black (cousin of De French), and Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson), Alston Gordon (Henry Gordon's brother)

WELCOME

It is always a pleasure to welcome Rev. Mel Davis to our pulpit this morning. God bless you and thank you for leading worship today!

2024 BIBLES

The church has purchased a Bible in the New King James Version for each family to read through the Bible in a year together again in 2024! Be sure to pick one up from the hallway before the new year is here!

We will also have a pizza lunch on Sunday, January 21st after worship to share some of our highlights of reading through the Bible together! Please let Rev. Audrey know if you plan on attending!

ANGEL TREE

Thank you ALL for your generous giving to our Angel Tree family this year! You have blessed a precious family this Christmas!

JOY GIFT OFFERING

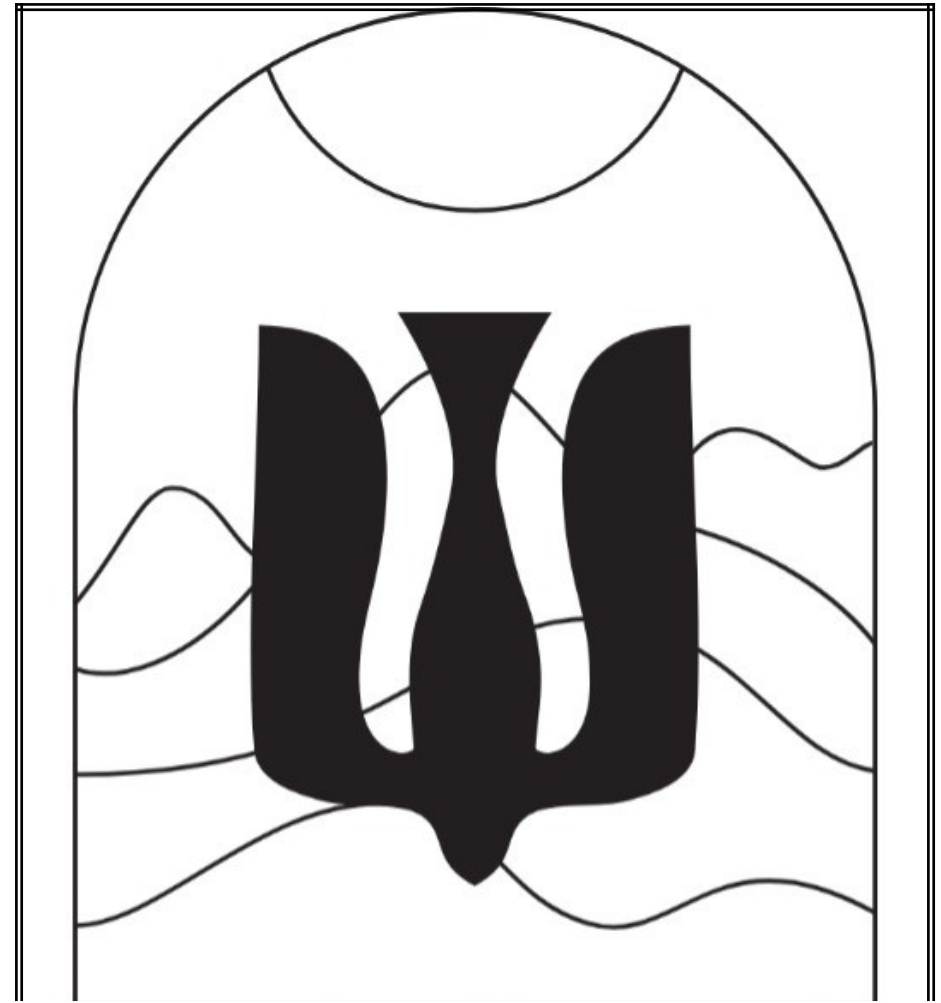
Today is the last Sunday to give to the Joy Gift Offering. Thank you for your generous support of this most worthy mission project!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next Men's Bible Study will be on January 7th, 10:00 am, in the old choir room behind the sanctuary. All men are invited and encouraged to attend! We will be looking at the book of Romans.

PW CIRCLE

Ladies, remember that our Circle meeting will be **NEXT** Monday, January 8th, 4:30 pm, in Gossett Hall!



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The First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship: *“Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love, me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.”*

Minute for Missions:.....Nita McMillan

***Hymn 132:** “Good Christian Men, Rejoice!”.....Neale

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, You know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented Your truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness.

Forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect Your love. Forgive us of our many sins and failures. Give us Your help and healing in our lives that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy. In the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Birthday of a King!.....Neidlinger

In the little village of Bethlehem there lay a Child one day. And the sky was bright with a holy light O'er the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain:

Alleluia! O how the angels sang. Alleluia! How it rang! And the sky was bright with a holy light. 'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much God gave to us that day. From the manger bed what a path has led. What a perfect, holy way.

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: “The New Year” Rev. Mel Davis

Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal p. 35*)

Gloria Patri (*The Glory to God Hymnal, p. 581*)

***Hymn 366 :** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.....Wesley

Offertory: “The First Noel”.....Stainer

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606*)

SENDING

***Hymn 140:** “Once in Royal David's City”.....Gauntlett

Benediction