

The church office is re-opening on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

# HAPPY New Year

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our holiday activities and worship a blessing. And thank you for your angel tree gifts, gifts of food and benevolent gifts for others. A joyous new year to you as we pray for peace in our world.



WE'RE STILL GATHERING GIFTS FOR THE BABY JESUS.

## **BRING THE ADVENT ANIMALS TO BABY JESUS**

For this year's Advent/Christmas offering we want to bring all the animals to the manger to adore baby Jesus. Please join in the fun and give generously.

Doves at \$10   Cats at \$25   Dogs at \$25   Donkeys at \$50

Sheep at \$100   Cows at \$250   Camels at \$500

Angels at \$1000

Mark your contributions "CHRISTMAS OFFERING".



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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Epiphany of the Lord

OPENING PRAISE *Come Now Is the Time to Worship*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS *How Great Is Our God  
Endless Light  
We Three Kings of Orient Are*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ILLUMINATION *Light of the World (Here I Am to Worship)*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 60:1-6  
Luke 2:22-30*

SERMON *THE LIGHT OF CHRIST* Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING *Agnus Dei*

COMMUNION *Oceans*

FINAL BLESSING *Trust and Obey*

CLOSING *My Sisters and Brothers*

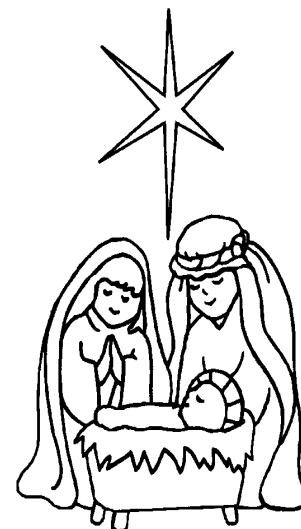
*Praise Band Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Bass: Bob Jorstad  
Singers: Connie Clark, Pam Garza*

**Today's Scripture**

**ISAIAH 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Today's Liturgist: Sharon Roemer*



**LUKE 2:22-30**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

**HOSPITALITY TIME**

**Today's Hosts:**

**ALL CHURCH SUNDAY**