

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Calendar:

Give \$10 this Sunday to Nancy Hobbs, to purchase a **poinsettia** plant to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. After the 12/24 Service, take your poinsettia home or give it to a neighbor.

December 10 - After services **today**, come to McHattie Hall for last minute deals and Christmas gift ideas from the WVPC Holiday Crafts Boutique Sale.

December 17, Sunday – **Mount Hermon Concert & Buffet** at noon. Sign-up early before it sells out. Give \$34 per person to Sue & Parker Willey during coffee hour.

December 24, Sunday – **Christmas Eve Service** will be at **11 am**. With singing Christmas carols and eating pie afterwards! Bring your favorite pie to share.

December 31, Sunday – **New Year's Eve Service** will be at **11 am**. Rev. Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian (the new church planter) will preach, and her husband Joel Rhodes-Karahadian will provide worship music. The following Sunday we will be back to 9:30 am Services.

Coffee & Donuts:

December 10 – Parker & Sue Willey

December 17 – Jeff Stanish

December 24 – Everyone Bring pies 😊

December 31 – Norm Pratt

Sunday Service

December 10, 2023

9:30 am



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Welcome

Call to Worship – Hardy Hemphill

Luke 1:68-69, 71, 74-75

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

People: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David - salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Leader: To rescue us from the hand our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear,

All: in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Lighting the Advent Wreath – Mike & Karen Clark

Greetings & Announcements – Rev. Janet Russell

Prayers of the People – Kevin Pasquinelli

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Luke 1:57-79 NIV

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. ⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” ⁶¹ They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” ⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him. ⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸ “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— ⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Songs of Christmas: Zechariah

Reverend Janet Russell

The Song Of Zechariah

Benediction