

**Homebound members:** Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

David & Kristi Stevens, KayLeigh, Scott, Kyle, and Zachary  
Judy Arffman     Scott & Paula Petrock, Madison and Paige

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:                    “We Are an Offering”                    ELW, #692

**HOLY COMMUNION**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

                                  “Away in a Manger”                    ELW, #277  
                                  “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”     ELW, #275  
                                  “Silent Night, Holy Night”             ELW, #281  
                                  “What Child Is This”                    ELW, #296

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG:                    “Go Tell It on the Mountain”             ELW, #290

CORPORATE PRAYER:

“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Presider:** Pastor Barb Lemke

**Pianist:** Cindy Josephson     **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down

**Reader:** Heidi Davison     **Greeter:**             **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

**Communion Asst.:** &     **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

**Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Jamie Villante

# Sunday Worship Service

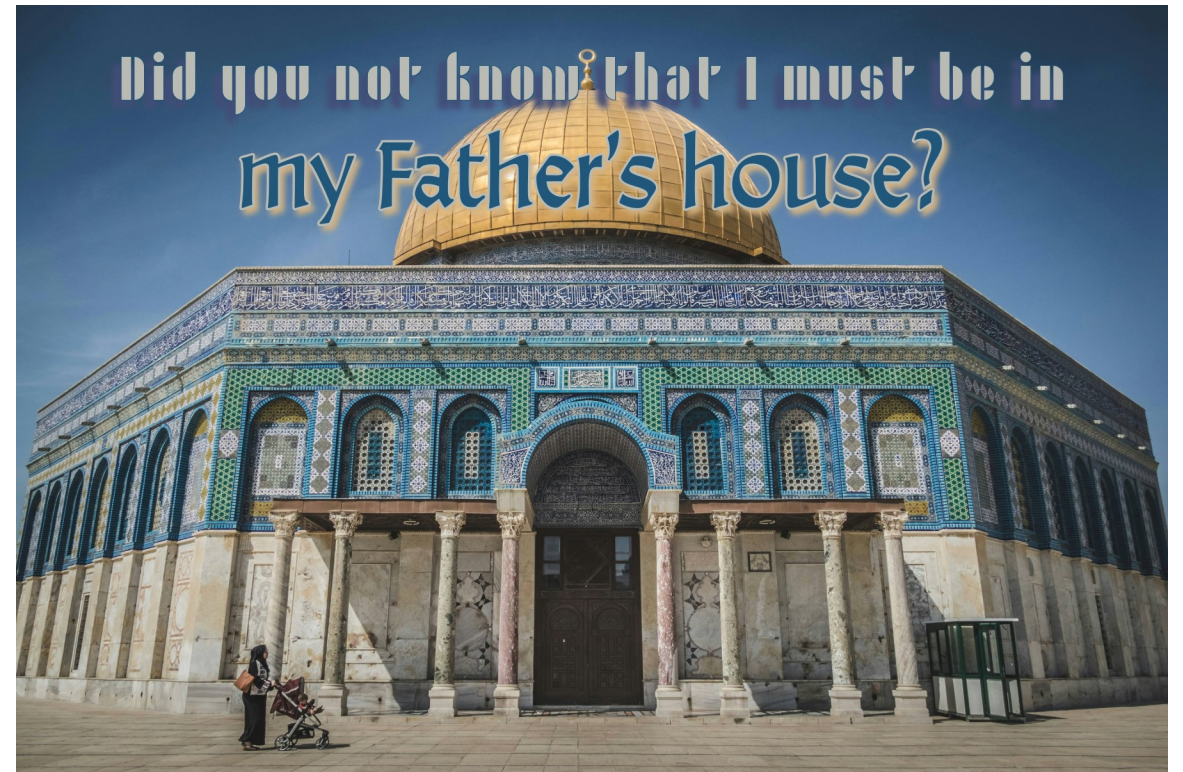


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## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas*

**December 29, 2024**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Joy to the World” (vv. 1 & 2) ELW, #267  
“Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW, #289

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:  
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “O Come All Ye Faithful” ELW, #283

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

PSALM: Psalm 148

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Colossians 3:12–17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41–52

HYMN: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” ELW, #276

SERMON “Born for This” Pastor Barb Lemke

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended into hell.\***  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Ukraine, Israel, and South Korea, our prayers are with you  
Areas recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
John & Casey Howshar  
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen  
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank  
Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Cathy) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard – Amber Josephson (Cindy Josephson’s daughter-in-law) – Wendy (Kim Evancho’s friend)

Ray Johnson Danny Cowan  
Carol Kirkegaard Linda Washington (stroke)  
Kaylee, friend of Hamptons  
Susan Armor (healing of broken legs, kidney health)  
Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)  
Glenis and Pat, Delores Rasmussen’s sisters (health)  
Bill Schmidt (kidney health)  
Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith’s significant other (Alzheimer’s)  
Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma)  
McKay, Debbie Diedrich’s nephew (seizures)  
Jane Jones, sister of Viola Clutterbuck (stroke recovery)  
Judy Malle, Kevin’s step-mother (hernia surgery recovery)  
Lynn Durant, Kevin Malle’s brother-in-law (major abdominal surgery recovery)  
Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health)  
Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley’s brother, (heart health)  
Diane Laine, Wayne Josephson’s sister (pneumonia)  
Lorraine, mother of Kim Evancho’s boss (fractures from assault)  
Katherine Byrnes (recovery from tonsillectomy)  
Deloris DeLapp (recovery from fall injuries)  
Angel Torres (hospitalized with liver issues)  
Doris Freund (abdominal health)  
Linda and husband Ray, Norma Breiding’s sister (pneumonia)  
Judy, Susan Armor’s aunt (tornado)  
Zack, grandson of Susan Armor’s aunt (losing eyesight)  
Norma Breiding and the family of Pat (Norma’s stepmother)

## *Welcome!*

*We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!*

*Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space. All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.*

## *Upcoming Events*

**Missions for December** – We are collecting new sneakers and socks, especially toddler sizes, and monetary donations for Wholly Kicks as December's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

**Choir** – Choir rehearsals are at 8:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, with the choir singing at that day's service, resuming January 12.

**Bible Study in 2025** – Our "The Chosen" Bible Study groups meet on Sundays after church, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via, and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church. We will resume meeting the week of January 12–18. We would love to have you join us.

**Worship Helpers Needed** – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants.

**Staff Time Off** – The church secretary is on vacation this week, will return to office January 6. Additionally, Pr. Barb will be going back to Iowa Jan. 1–9. Email will be checked throughout the week but there may be a delay in receiving a response.

<b>This Week at Bethel</b>	
<b>December 29, 2024–January 5, 2025</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Tongans
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 p.m. Music & Worship Meeting (Zoom) 6:00 p.m. TOPS
<b>Tue</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b> <i>Church closed</i>
<b>Thu</b>	
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 p.m. Tongans
<b>Sat</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Tongans

*Hark*  
the  
Herald Angels  
*sing*