

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2023

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Hymn: *Joy to the World!*

No. 270

*Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, hear our prayer. Jesus came to bring peace to a lost and violent world. We confess that the world we have made has not followed his Way. We continue to settle disputes with violence. When the Prince of Peace came, violence erupted which continues to this day. Forgive us when we react to others with anger. Forgive our lack of zeal to bring your kingdom values into our world. Forgive us when we support those who do violence in our names. Help us stand with Jesus; for Christ's sake.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message (Sunday)

Prayer for Illumination (Saturday)

--Debbie LaCourt

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--Larry Olkkonen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Pg. 622, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

Pg. 526 Pew Bible

Anthem (Saturday): *As with Gladness Men of Old*

--Ralph Kramer

Anthem (Sunday): *In the Bleak Midwinter*

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Sermon Text: Matthew 2:13-23

Pg. 808, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *Sing We Now of Christmas*

No. 275

* Creed: *The Second Helvetic Confession of 1566*

The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to us in the world that God has now performed what he promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given us his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, all fulness and everlasting life.

The Offering (Sunday)

*Doxology (Sunday): **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Almighty Father, Creator and Sustainer of life, your majesty and power, your continued blessing, and your great goodness fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon you have in mercy given. We can only bring our thanks, putting our trust in your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore in joy, we join in giving you praise:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him. God of mercy, in thanks we remember how Jesus invites us to his table, imprinting on our hearts his sacrifice on the cross. In gratitude

we bow before him, declaring his resurrection and glory, and knowing that his prayers alone make us worthy to partake of his spiritual meal. Believing in Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mark Kaad, Harvey Johnson, Darlene Duff, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick, Sara Miller; the family of Rita Sanders; for the right person to answer the call to be our Youth Pastor

Lord's Prayer: **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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn: *One Small Child* No. 280

*Benediction

*Response: *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful* No. 282

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: No Prayer in the Chapel

No Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study

1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB

3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group

Saturday: 4:00p.m. Worship

Ushers: Larry and Connie Olkkonen; Cliff and Linda Smith