CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
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9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds– Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Tighe & Kim Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Bree & Dan Greff.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Todd & Tanya Adkisson.

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CHILDcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School will NOT meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

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It's a cross!

Yes, the promise is more than a bright star above.
More than shepherds and kings and a glad Christmas Day.
For the promise is more than a child in the hay,
Then the promise of Christmas begins.

When the angels’ song is silent, and the kings have come and gone,
All the world is changed forever, for the echo lingers on.
When the angels’ song is silent, God is nearer than before,
And the promise of Christmas, the wonder of Christmas,
The glory of Christmas begins.

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

WE SHARE
CALL TO OFFERING
MUSICAL OFFERING
“We Three Kings”
art. David Maxwell

*Doxology—#606
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication for the Offering and Alternative Gifts
WE HEAR THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 2:1-12, Jeremiah 29:11-13 (pages 783-784, 639)

SERMON
“What Are Your Plans For This New Year?”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Three German Christmas Carols”
Helmut Walcha
1. Shepherds Came, Their Praises Bringing (1907-1991)
2. All My Heart This Day rejoices
3. In Bethlehem’s Low Stable

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #150 “As with Gladness Men of Old”
DIX

Benediction

Sung Blessing
“Come, Gracious Spirit”
Paul Sjolund
(please be seated)
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

Closing Voluntary
“Fanfare Toccata on Dix”
David Lasky
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“The First Noel”
“What Child Is This”

MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS
“Winter Snow”
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(3rd-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Christmas Offertory”

VIDEO
“New Year’s Resolutions”

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 2:1-12, Jeremiah 29:11-13

MESSAGE
“What Are Your Plans For This New Year?”
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COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Carol Of The Bells”
“In The Bleak Midwinter”

SONG OF DEDICATION
“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU