

HELPING IN WORSHIP

10:00 am	Head Usher	Will Cass
	Ushers	Ray Ricci, Joseph Norman
	Acolyte	
	Liturgist	Dale Borchert

OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Worship	8:30	65	10:45 am	95
	Sunday School	33	Adult Studies	11

REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Ruth Arnfield, Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Catherine Carroll, Frank Cassidy, Bill Close, Sr., Janet Cole, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Irene Firner, Bryan Foy, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Jim Little, Joe Michaloski, Marge Michaloski, Yvonne Morrow, Bea Northway, Karla Quinlan, George Sherban, Gloria Sherban, Hilary Stamper, Meegan Veeder-Shave, Kerianne Wendover, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Richard Allen, David Andujar, Jay Bacchiochi, Donald Brooks, Jim Chermak Rev. Robert Dorsey, Judy Ebling, Dr. James Elsbree, Sally Farkas, Jordan Fidler, Inez Fryar, Daniel Granger, Doreen Hochlowski, Jason, Jeanmarie Jacques, David and Lori Mocknick, Mary Moody, Michelle Morrow, Dianne Myers, Kelly O'Conner, Patrick Pisanelli, Peter, Colin Reilly, Bill Robertson, Patricia Schmidt, Jackie Triguero, Ava Vinson, Bob and Lois Wells, Jeffrey Wendover, Jr., Clifford Zier.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: D. J. Wiley, Iraq. If you have a loved one or friend whose name you would like included, call the church office. (452-2933).

Large print bulletins are available, please speak to an usher.



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

10:00 AM

*(During our time of worship, you are free to stand in Jesus' presence
or to sit at his feet, as you feel moved by the Holy Spirit of God.)*

Preparation**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE Fanfare for Christmas Day Martin Shaw

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

P. **And the Word became flesh and lives among us, and we have seen his glory.**

OPENING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" No. 224

OPENING PRAYER:

P. **O almighty God, by the birth of your son Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day, and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Proclamation

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10 Pew Bible 730

SUNG RESPONSE: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" No. 229

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible 1014

PREPARATION HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230

SERMON**SILENT MEDITATION*****Response*****PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION****THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P. **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 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. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM Sing We of the Holy Birth Patrick Liebergen
Kathy Borchert, flute; Debbie Carrier, piano

DOXOLOGY**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*****Sending Forth***

CLOSING HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High"
No. 238

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo Gilbert Martin

