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Prayer Request

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Announcements

Volunteers Needed to volunteer for nursery or greeter check the above form.

On The Radio Sunday Morning Service is on KAPI FM 88.3 from 10:30 a.m.—12 noon.

E-Mails Signup on our website or message the church.

Nursery workers for the coming weeks will be:

Dec. 20—Marcia Dickerson

Dec. 27—MK Murpy

Candy Catechism Dec., HC 35: What is the meaning of “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?” That the eternal Son of God, who is and continues true and eternal God, took upon Himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy for the Lord's Day

December 20, 2020

Preparing our Hearts

Welcome and Announcements

**Indicates standing if you are able.*

Gathering of God's People

* The Call to Worship Psalm 46:7-11

* Song Hymnal #2 *O Worship the King*

* God's Invocation Psalm 106:1

Minister: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord,
People: for he is good; his love endures forever.

* God's Greeting and Prayer 2 John 3

Confession and Purification

Reading of the Law 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-18

Corporate Confession of Sins

God, our Father, we confess we have not lived perfectly. We have not upheld even a summary of your commands. We confess and cry out with Jeremiah, “though our iniquities testify against us, O Lord, act for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you” (Jer. 14:7) Forgive us for your name's sake. Heal us for your name's sake. Uphold us for your name's sake. Teach us to live in Christ for your name's sake.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 5:1

Song Hymnal #172 *Let us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Proclamation of God's Word

Advent Reading Isaiah 42:1-7

Pastoral Prayer *(End with the 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 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Sermon The Return to Christmas: *Reward of Long-term Hope*
Pastor Chris

Old Testament Isaiah 49:1-6
New Testament Luke 2:21-38

* Hymnal #642 *Be Thou My Vision*

Response of God's People

Why quiet? In a noisy world it is healthy to have a moment without phones, clicks, or buzzes. Let us 'be still and know he is God' (Psa 46:10)

Collection of Our Offerings

* Doxology - #731

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.

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing at a true, Bible proclaiming church. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. As Christ gave wine to the first disciples we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings are juice if you prefer.

As we come to the sacrament, we prepare by confessing the faith we believe with heart and mouth (Rom 10:9)

Confession of Faith:

Philippians 2:5-11

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, who existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by being obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer and Consecration

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Minister: When the Lord was betrayed he took bread

People: **He gave thanks and broke it**

Minister: This is my body for you

People: **We do this in remembrance of him**

Minister: The cup is the new covenant in his blood

People: **We do this in remembrance of him**

All: **We proclaim the Lord's death, resurrection, and exaltation until he returns.**

We entreat you, O Holy Father, by the name of Christ to make us worthy to receive the precious gifts of Christ in his sacrament. Cleanse our hearts, purify our minds, and receive us as beloved children. Might we participate in your generosity and drink deeply of Christ's kingdom feast.

Words of Institution and Celebration

In celebration of our unity in Christ, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will all partake together.

Prayer After The Supper

Christ, King of the ages and ruler of all, we thank you for granting us communion of your pure and life-giving holiness. We beseech you to keep us under your protection and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the bread of life, the well-spring of holiness, and the giver of all that is good. We ascribe glory and honor to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Sending of God's People

* Song Hymnal #195 *Joy to the World*

* Benediction

* Song Hymnal #740 *Threefold Amen*

Welcome To



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'TO KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF
HIS RESURRECTION' PHIL 3:10