**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*1st Sunday of Christmas*

**December 31, 2023               11:00 AM**

**(For car radio transmission on church grounds, tune to 92.7 FM)**

Prelude: *Gesu Bambino* Carolyn Shaw

Welcome and Announcements Duty Elder

Recognition of January Birthday’s

**\*Call to Worship: Revelation 21:1-4** Pastor Tom Cox

\*Hymn of Praise: #811 *Another Year Is Dawning*

**\*Prayer of Praise and Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:12-14**

**New City Catechism #52 - Slides**

**Unison Prayer – Slides**

**Kids Feeding Kids Collection**

**Offertory Dedication Prayer**

Offertory Anthem: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

 Solo: Danielle Twiss with Lynn Lotter accompanying guitar.

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord’s Prayer**

**Gloria Patri (#813 in hymnal)**

**Apostles’ Creed**

Hymn of Preparation: #609 *No, Not One!*

 *(refrain after 1st and last)*

**Scripture:  1 Samuel 18-20**

 L:  This is the Word of the Lord

 P:  Thanks be to God!

**Sermon:** *The Rise of the King #8:* ***Friends Forever***

\*Hymn of Dedication: #630 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**\*Benediction: 1 Peter 1:22-23**

\*Congregational Response- #815 Doxology

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand, if able*

**We welcome all who have joined us to worship today**.  If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us as your place to grow as afollower of Jesus. If you are interested in joining the Church, please contact Pastor Cox.

**Duty Elders**: Marie Coleman and Carolyn Frasier

**Nursery: Betty Bain & Mary Lasater**

**(Nursery available for children 5 years and younger)**

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Today   10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM    Worship Service

Monday *Happy New Year 2024!*

Wednesday 5:00 PM Finance & Property Committee Mtg.

 6:00 PM 2024 Calendar Planning Mtg.

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

Sunday, December 24, 2023             Attendance: 57

  General Giving $ 1,967.00

 Memorials/Honorariums 300.00

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $2,267.00**

 Other Contributions:

 Bain Bathroom Fund 2,600.00

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**TOTAL OFFERING $4,867.00**

**Upcoming Events in January:**

 7th – Communion Sunday.

 Undecorating of Church after Worship.

 8th - Session Meeting at 6:30 PM.

 9th - Sarah Circle resumes at 10 AM.

10th - Bible Study resumes at 5 PM.

14th - Adult Sunday school to resume with study on Hebrews.

17th - CARE at 4 PM.

28th - Kids Feeding Kids Collection.

29th - Newsletter Articles Due.

**We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday, January 7th.**  Please be preparing your heart to be strengthened when we take communion together. "Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us join the Feast!"

(1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)