

CHURCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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CHRISTMAS EVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Services – Please Join Us!

Christmas Day (tomorrow) worship begins at **10:30 a.m.**
Epiphany Sunday with Communion is January 1, 2023 at **10:30 a.m.**
No Sunday school on these Sundays.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We have not received the 2023 Offering Envelopes yet. The company hoped to have them shipped so we receive them by the end of the year. If that does not happen, you can use one of the pew envelopes; write your number (or your name if you don't remember the number) and if it is for something other than your regular offering, please specify what it is for.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2023

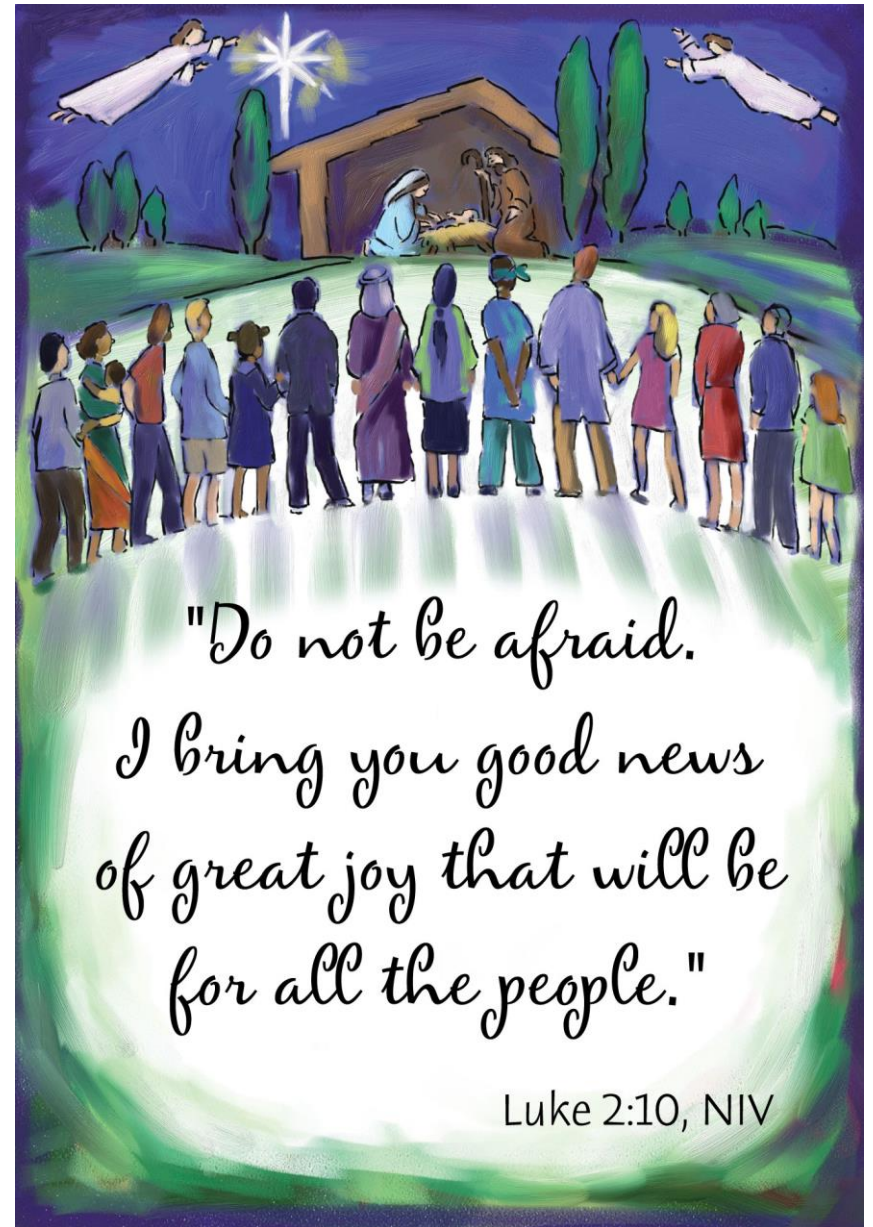
The altar flower calendar for 2023 has been posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway. Check the calendar for available dates and fill out a "Reservations for Altar Flowers" form (info and prices are on this form) and place it in the "completed forms" envelope.

GLOSSBRENNER MISSION STATEMENT

GROW • PRAISE • SERVE

Grow in Our Christian Faith
Praise God through Worship
Serve Others to Glorify God

 *Merry Christmas* 



*"Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news
of great joy that will be
for all the people."*

Luke 2:10, NIV

December 24, 2022

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**DECEMBER 24, 2022 - 3:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Welcome to Christmas Eve worship as we hear "good news of great joy": "Unto you is born this day ... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11, ESV).

"*" in the bulletin indicates that you should rise if you are able.

GREETINGS

PRELUDE "Christmas Celebration" arr. D. Phillips

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Leader: Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the peoples;

People: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

***HYMN** "The First Noel" (verses 1, 2, 4, 5).....No. 245

PRAYER (Unison): O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 to all people on whom His favor rests. We pray this prayer through Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***HYMN** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"No. 229

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"The Coventry Carol/The First Noel" arr. M. Hayes

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION – *Living in Between*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING

*Pastor Brian lights a candle from the Christ candle; the ushers light their candles from Pastor's candle; as the usher comes up the aisle, the person at the end of the pew will light their candle and then pass the light to the next person. **The lighted candle is never tilted.** It is always held upright and the unlighted candle tilts into it to receive the light. **Lighted candles should always be held upright.***

"Silent Night"No. 239

***HYMN** "Joy to the World"No. 246

***THE BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Fanfare on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. R. Hobby

*(When extinguishing the individually held candles – **KEEP THEM UPRIGHT** – be careful of melted wax. There will be a box in the hallway to deposit your candles.)*

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TO ACTIVATE GLOSSBRENNER'S PRAYER CHAIN

Email: gumcprayerchain01@gmail.com or Phone: 717-653-4717 (Leave a message on the answering machine with the information.)

Greeting Card Ministry: Betty Robinson – 717-366-4549

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POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

- In Memory of **Justin Binkley** by Aaron & Kathy Binkley. (2S)
- In Loving Memory of my parents **George & Ethel Spotts** by Bonnie Engle. (1L)
- In Memory of **Ruth & Albert Forry** by Cynthia Forry. (2L)
- In Honor of **Pastor Brian & Barbara Albert** by Brenda & Steve Gabler. (1L)
- In Memory of **Our Parents** by Doug & Hazel Hackley. (1S)
- In Memory of my husband **Dave Hart** by Nancy Hart. (1L)
- In Memory of **Had & June Buller** by Nancy & Rick Hopple. (2S)
- In Memory of **Ralph Kreiser** and **Peg Hartman** by Thelma Kreiser & Ed Hartman. (1L & 2S)
- In Honor of **Our Lord Jesus Christ** by Thelma Kreiser and Ed Hartman.
- In Honor of **Our Children** by Thelma Kreiser and Ed Hartman.
- In Memory of our parents **Martin & Carrie Ney** and **Max & Vera Raffensperger** by Gerald & Karleen Ney. (1L)
- In Memory of our son **Matthew** by Vaughn & Debbie Nissley. (4L & 1S)
- In Memory of our “sons” **Corey Halterman** and **Brad Spangler** by Vaughn & Debbie Nissley.
- In Honor of **Emi Nissley** by Vaughn & Debbie Nissley.
- In Honor of our grandchildren, **Zack** and **Bella**, by Vaughn & Debbie Nissley.
- In Memory of husband and father, **Harry Reheard**; and son and brother, **Robert Reheard**, by Mary & Linda Reheard. (1S)
- In Memory of my parents **John & Helen Wein** by Jackie Roberts. (1L & 3S)
- In Memory of my sister **Carol Spickler** by Jackie Roberts.
- In Memory of my niece **Lisa Fritz** by Jackie Roberts.
- In Honor of my grandsons **Zach** and **Ephraim** by Jackie Roberts.
- In Honor of my wife **Patty Jo** by Bruce Stone. (1L)
- In Memory of **Richard & Elsie Thompson** and **Robert & Gladys Buckius** by Dick & Barb Thompson. (2L)
- In Memory of **My Joe** by Judy Turbedsky. (1L)
- In Honor of **God** by Judy Turbedsky.
- In Memory of our loving father **Edward Sumpman** by Penny & David Whitcraft. (2S)
- In Honor of our caring mother/grandmother **Joy Sumpman** by Penny & David Whitcraft.