

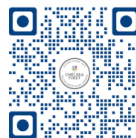


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**Worship Participants**

Alice Markle, David Hart, Landon Clark  
 LeAnn Seto, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett  
 Justin Alford, piano  
 Brian Brill, keys  
 Seth Campbell, bass guitar  
 Wesley Fritzemeier, drums  
 Kaci Friss, vocals

This QR code will take you to the church events page on the website to see events and classes.



**This week**

Wednesday Church office and building is closed  
 Saturday 8:30 am Early Response Training

**Sunday, January 5**

Communion Sunday and Faith In Action Food Drive  
 See the blue bin for the donation list.



**10 am Worship**  
**December 29, 2024**



**Don't Forget To Laugh**  
**Luke 2:10 | Matthew 2:10 | Isaiah 9:2 | Psalm 146**  
**Psalm 126:1-3 | Isaiah 55:12-13**

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

## Order of Worship

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

*Hymn to Joy*

#### Call to Worship

Leader: We have named our joy out loud, and it is clear—

**All: God is in our joy.**

Leader: God is in this room.

**All: We have reason to celebrate.**

Leader: We have a reason to sing.

**All: Thanks be to God for the bright hope of this day.**

#### Opening Hymn

*Joy to the World*

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Joyful God,

You told us that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven, we must be like children.

**People: Did you mean that like children, we must practice unhindered joy?**

**Did you mean that like children, we should lean into laughter, release our cynicism, and open ourselves to delight?**

Leader: In a world as broken and battered as ours, we admit,

**People: this often seems easier said than done.**

Leader: Forgive us, patient God, for the moments when we are so focused on the bad that we miss the good.

**People: Forgive us for hearing the nativity story and staying in our seats instead of jumping for joy.**

Leader: We know that even now you are sowing delight in our lives.

**People: Open our hearts up to it. With gratitude we pray, amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

#### Response

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (refrain only)

#### LESSON ONE

#### Listen for Joy

Luke 2:10 and Isaiah 9:2

#### Sing with Joy

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

#### Practice Joy

Joy found in Scripture

#### LESSON TWO

#### Listen for Joy

Matthew 2:10 and Psalm 146

#### Sing with Joy

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#### Practice Joy

Joy found in Community

#### LESSON THREE

#### Listen for Joy

Psalm 126:1-3 and Isaiah 55:12-13

#### Sing with Joy

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

#### Practice Joy

Joy found in Prayer and Giving

#### Closing Song

*The Trees of the Field*

#### Benediction

#### Sending Music