

JOY

ADVENT SEASON



SEVERN RUN EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

A Church devoted to the pursuit of Scripture, Prayer, Fellowship and Worship as an effective and ultimately victorious means of reaching our community for Christ.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

"Third Sunday of Advent"

Sunday, 14 December, 2025

✦ Indicates standing if able

WELCOME & GREETING

Pastor Jesse M. Crutchley

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY



INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-4

"Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises."

✦ HYMN

Nº 01

How Great Our Joy!

CONFESSING CHRIST

Psalm 50:16-23

"But to the wicked God says: "What *right* have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you? When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers. You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit. You sit *and* speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son. These *things* you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; *But* I will rebuke you, And set *them* in order before your eyes. "Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear *you* in pieces, And *there* be none to deliver: Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders *his* conduct *aright* I will show the salvation of God."

CONFESSION OF SIN
Confessional Prayer

Ruling Elder Chase Vaughn

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 7:13-17

“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

❖ HYMN

Nº 02

Angels We Have Heard on High

CONFESSION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE

(responsive paraphrased)

Responsive Confession:

WCF 8.2

Elder: The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man’s nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin.

Congregation: *Having been conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, He was of her substance.*

Elder: So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.

All: **That person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Giving of Our Gifts

- ❖ Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye Heav’nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- ❖ 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.

(Child care is now available for children age four and under.)

RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Josie Lynham

THE WORD PREACHED

Reading of Scripture
"Joy"

Matthew 2:1-12
Pastor Jesse M. Crutchley

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

❖ INVITATIONAL HYMN
As with Gladness Men of Old

Nº 03

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST IN THE SUPPER

❖ HYMN
Joy to the World!

Nº 04

BENEDICTION

❖ Postlude

*Please join us in the narthex for a Cake Reception to celebrate
Josie's Communicant Membership!
All visitors are welcome!*



SERMON NOTES

"Joy"

Matthew 2:1-12

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

SREPC CHOIR SPECIAL

“Third Sunday of Advent”

Joy

Gaudete!

** The lyricist and composer of this song are unknown but it has been sung by Christians on the third Advent Sunday for many centuries. The words were first found in Piae Cantiones, a collection of Finnish and Swedish sacred songs published in 1582. The tune comes from the Hussite Jistebnice hymnbook of 1420.*

Refrain: Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine - Gaudete!

(English Translation) Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary - Rejoice!

v.1 - Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod optabamus, carmina laetitiae Devote reddamus.

(English Translation) The time of grace is here, this which we desired, songs of joy let us devoutly render.

v.2 - Deus homo factus est natura mirante, mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante.

(English Translation) God has become man, to the wonderment of nature, the world has been renewed by the reigning Christ.

v.3 - Ezechielis porta clausa pertransitur, unde lux est orta, salus invenitur.

(English Translation) The closed gate of Ezekiel is passed through, whence the light is risen, salvation is found.

v.4 - Ergo nostra contio psallat iam in lustro; benedicat Domino, salus regi nostro.

(English Translation) Therefore let our congregation now sing in brightness; we bless the Lord, greetings to our King.

How Great Our Joy!

1. While by the sheep we watched at night,
 2. There shall be born, so he did say,
 3. There shall the child lie in a stall,
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well,

glad tid - ings brought an an - gel bright.
 in Beth - le - hem a child to - day.
 this child who shall re - deem us all.
 that ev - er joy our hearts shall fill.

f How great our joy! *p* Great our joy!

f Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! *p*

f *p*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and contains six measures of chords. The bottom staff is in bass clef and also begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic, containing six measures of chords. The lyrics 'Joy, joy, joy!' are written under the first three measures, and 'Joy, joy, joy!' under the next three. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking appears at the start of the second measure of the top staff.

f Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

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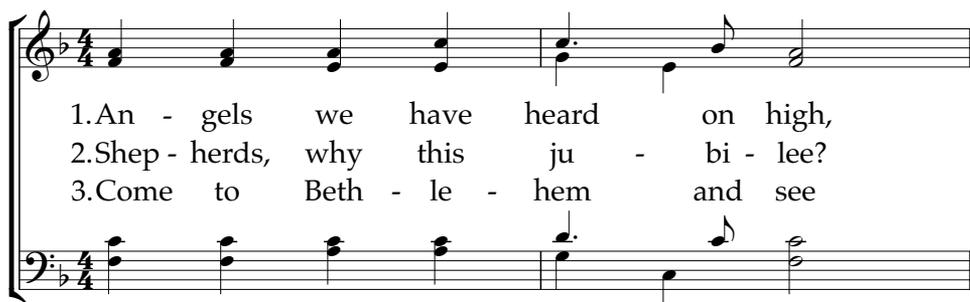
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p Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

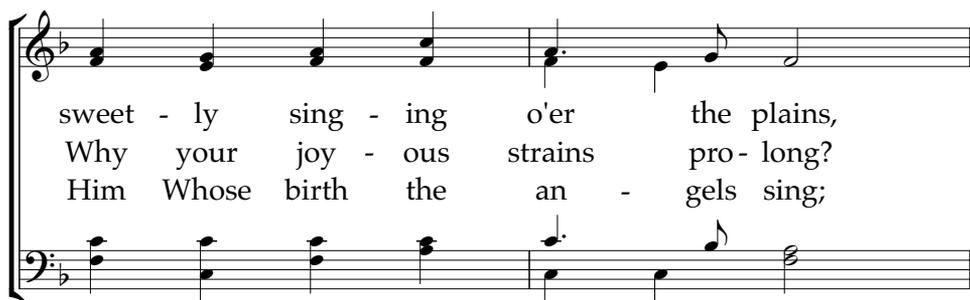
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Detailed description: This system contains the fourth line of music. The top staff continues the melody from the previous system, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment, also starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics 'Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!' are written under the top staff.

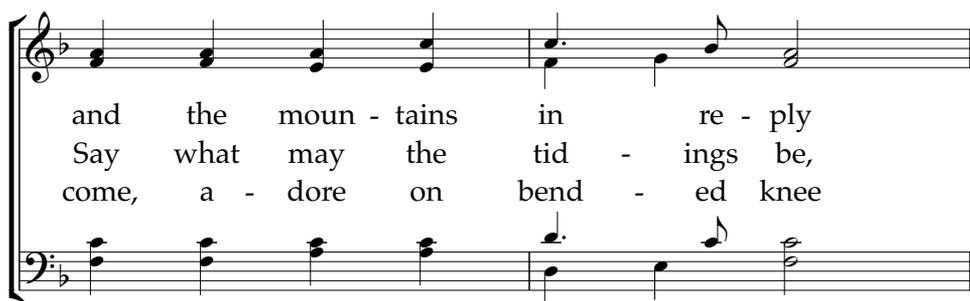
Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see



sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
Him Whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply
Say what may the tid - ings be,
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee



ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

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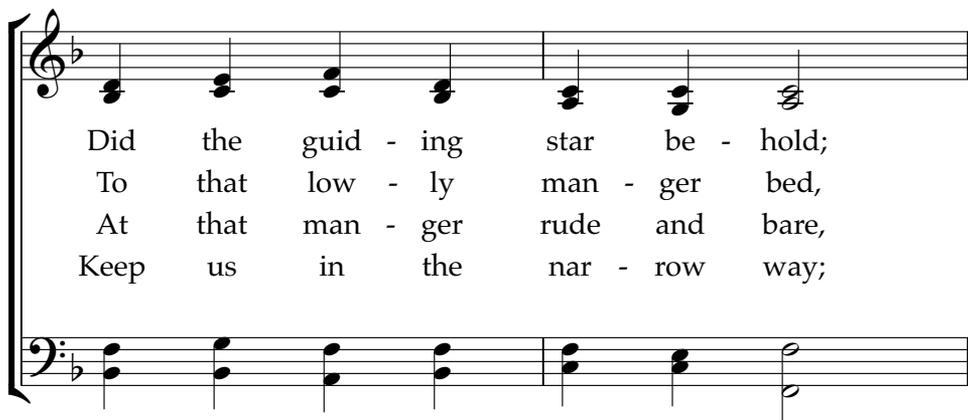
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As with Gladness Men of Old



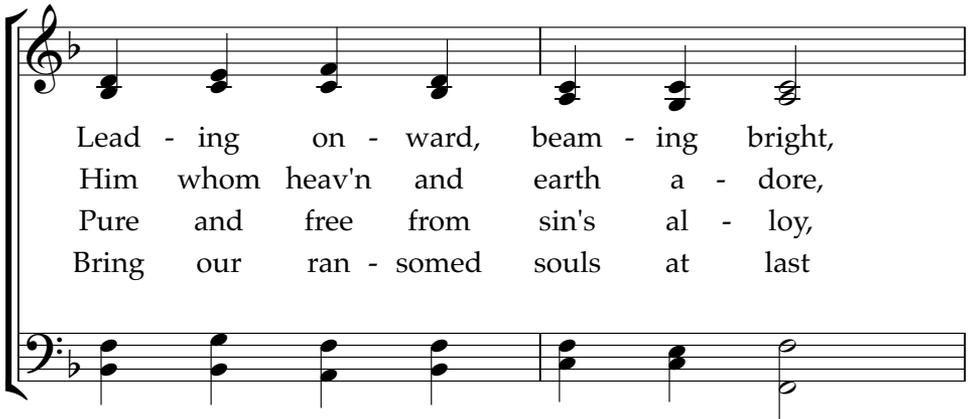
1. As with glad - ness men of old
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day



Did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 To that low - ly man - ger bed,
 At that man - ger rude and bare,
 Keep us in the nar - row way;



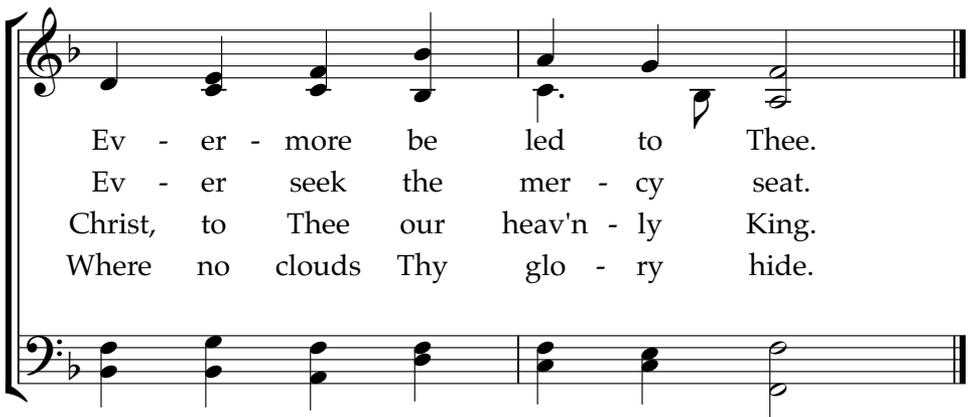
As with joy they hailed its light,
 There to bend the knee be - fore
 So may we with ho - ly joy,
 And when earth - ly things are past,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright,
Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore,
Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
Bring our ran - somed souls at last



So, most gra - cious Lord, may we
So, may we with will - ing feet
All our cost - liest trea - sures bring,
Where they need no star to guide,



Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
Ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.
Christ, to Thee our heav'n - ly King.
Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.

Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns;
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace

Let earth re - ceive her King.
 Let men their songs em - ploy,
 Nor thorns in - fest the ground.
 And makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness

And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love,

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Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains four measures of music, ending with a repeat sign. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains four measures of music, starting with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a half note chord in the second measure, and two measures of quarter notes. The lyrics are placed between the staves, with the first line of lyrics under the top staff and the second line under the bottom staff.

And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love,

ture sing,

ture sing, And heav'n and na -

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff continues from the first system with four measures of music, ending with a repeat sign. The bottom staff continues with four measures of music, featuring a long melisma line over the first two measures. The lyrics are placed between the staves, with the first line of lyrics under the top staff and the second line under the bottom staff.

And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing!
Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy!
Far_ as, far as the curse is found!
And won - ders, won - ders of His love!

ture sing,

Detailed description: This system contains the third two staves of music. The top staff continues with four measures of music, ending with a repeat sign. The bottom staff continues with four measures of music, featuring a long melisma line over the first two measures. The lyrics are placed between the staves, with the first line of lyrics under the top staff and the second line under the bottom staff.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

"Joy"

Matthew 2:1-12

N E M N N E T T I R W I T J M Q E E C K
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What verse in Matthew 2 contains the underlined words? _____

Write the whole verse out: _____

Announcements at Severn Run...

Welcome to those who are visiting with us! Please take time to fill out a **green "Visitor's Welcome Card"** on the table in the narthex and help yourself to some information about SREPC. (Also fill one out if you have any prayer requests or if you'd like to be placed on the SREPC Church Email List. You can also contact Marcy in the church office at churchoffice.srep@gmail.com with your information.) Please place these cards in the Tithe Box (which is located on the table before entering the sanctuary)—Thank you!

No Sunday School - We will be taking a break for the month of December, resuming in the new year, 1/4 at 9:30am.

Evening Service - 5pm - Ruling Elder Bradley Chwastyk will continue in the book of Mark. A Meatball Sub Dinner is provided and will follow this service. All attending, please bring a side or dessert to share. After dinner, fellowship activities are planned for continued fellowship!

SREPC FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

2025 General Fund Giving to Date: **\$465,347**

2025 Budgeted General Fund Giving: **\$577,074**

2025 Difference in Giving: **\$-111,727**

SREPC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Evening Worship and Candlelight Service will be at **6:30pm on Wednesday, 12/24.**

SHORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

There will be a short congregational meeting for the election of new Officers immediately following the morning service on **January 18, 2026.** Please plan to attend.

Elder - *Matt Ball (for re-election)*

Deacons - *Mike Bartelheim, Nick Clark, Austin Lacey, Brian Leigh (all for re-election)*

SREPC MEN'S MINISTRY - NEW BIBLE STUDY

Men's Wednesday Evening Study meets every other Wednesday, 7:30pm at the church. Please contact Bradley Chwastyk at bradley.srep@gmail.com for more details.

NEW Saturday Morning Men's Bible study - starting on 1/10/26 at 9am on the book of Romans, led by Joe Mackes. More details to follow!

Men's Saturday Breakfast - 8:30am - Details regarding next breakfast to follow soon.

SREPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Monday Evening Bible Study - This study has ended and will be on break. Thank you!

Friday Morning Bible Study - This study has ended and will be on break. Thank you!

IMPORTANT NOTE - SREPC YOUTH GROUP

The meeting for Friday, 12/26 is canceled due to the Christmas season.

SEVERN RUN MAILBOX

During the Christmas season, a "Christmas Card File Box" will be provided in the narthex to place cards in for the congregation. Please distribute the cards to the files of the box yourself. A digital non-picture Family Directory is available for your convenience.

SREPC FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The next PUP date is Wednesday, 12/17, 3:30-5:30pm. Many thanks to those who volunteer and donate to this ministry!

SREPC CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practices are on Wednesdays @ 6pm. Children are welcome with a participating parent. Contact Brad Chwastyk at bradley.srep@gmail.com with questions.

SREPC WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING

Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10am-11am. Please contact Barbara Smith at 410-591-3825 with any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Current Prayer Requests are printed out and on the table in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December - 12/17 - PUP; **12/21** - 4th Sunday of Advent (*Love*); **12/24** - Christmas Eve Service; **12/25** - Christmas Day; **12/31** - New Year's Eve

What's Happening at Severn Run

Sun ▶ No Sunday School - Break for month of December.

14
Dec ▶ Morning Service - 11am - 3rd Sunday of Advent
▶ Communion Served
▶ Evening Service - 5pm - Meatball Sub
Dinner to follow.

Mon
15
Dec

Tues
16
Dec ▶ No SRCCHA Classes - Christmas Break!

Wed
17
Dec ▶ Women's Prayer Meeting - 10am
▶ Pop-Up Pantry - 3:30-5:30pm
▶ Choir Practice - 6pm
▶ Men's Bible Study - 7:30pm

Thur
18
Dec ▶ No SRCCHA Classes - Christmas Break!

Fri
19
Dec

Sat
20
Dec

Sun ▶ No Sunday School - Resumes 1/4/26.
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Dec ▶ Morning Service - 11am - 4th Sunday of Advent - *Love*
▶ Communion Served.
▶ Evening Service - 5pm - No meal to follow.

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 <small>Fall Feast</small>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Serving at Severn Run...

This Week - December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy

Sunday Deacon
Ushers
Sound Room Morning Service/Evening Service
Communion Prep
Sunday School Nursery
Sunday School 5-7 Year Old Class
Sunday School Breakfast Set-Up
Church Hour Nursery (Infant - 2yrs)
Church Hour Toddlers (3 - 4 yrs)
SRCCHA Set-Up

Mike Bartelheim
TBD/Dave Fontz
Nick Clark/Keith Verdin
The Schingecks
No Sunday School
No Sunday School
No Sunday School
Chastity Lacey/Emma Verdin
TBD/Rebecca Bamgbade
No Set-Up

Next Week - December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent - Love

Sunday Deacon
Ushers
Sound Room Morning Service/Evening Service
Communion Prep
Sunday School Nursery
Sunday School 5-7 Year Old Class
Sunday School Breakfast Set-Up
Church Hour Nursery (Infant - 2yrs)
Church Hour Toddlers (3 - 4 yrs)
SRCCHA Set-Up

Nick Clark
Mike Bartelheim/Roy Griffith
Nick Clark/Ryan Lynham
The Schingecks
No Sunday School
No Sunday School
No Sunday School
Monica Best/Cristina Lynham
Cate Dwyer/Deborah Mackall
No Set-Up

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The members and friends of this church family, who in serving their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, reach out to meet the needs of others in the power of His love.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We believe that every Christian should be a member of a local church. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, we will be happy to talk with you about the privileges and responsibilities of church membership.