

DECEMBER 31, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Stand Up and Bless”*

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

+ HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 168

”Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

+ **APOSTLES CREED:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ GLORIA PATRI

QUIET MEDITATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

“While Shepherds Watched”

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“Shines the Light”*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 176

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: *“Finding the Star of Bethlehem”* Lee Thomas

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 174

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *“Alleluia”*

+ POSTLUDE

+ CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

SUNDAY:

10:00 A.M.

Morning worship service

11:00 A.M.

Sunday School

Attendance last week: 83

THURSDAY:

6:00 P.M.

Choir rehearsal

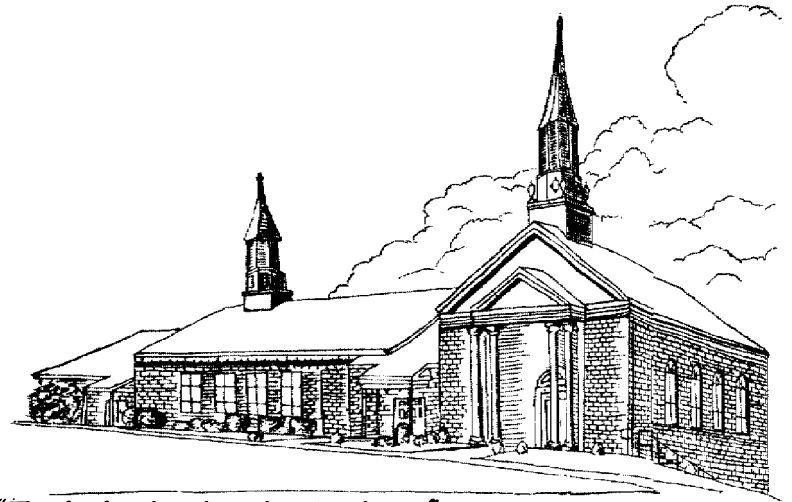
Our *prayer person* this week is Sue Crosby.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary this morning are given by John Charbeneau in loving memory of Shirlene.

For *SACRA* during the month of December we are collecting non-perishable breakfast items such as cereals, cereal bars, boxed juices, pop tarts, etc. Please leave donations in the *upstairs social hall* by the last Sunday of the month.

Staunton Church of the Brethren cordially invites you to join them Sunday, January 7, 2024 for a *Twelfth Night Celebration* to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The program, A Lesson in Carols, is at 7:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be received.





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