



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

Lessons and Carols, 11:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Strange Way to Save the World”
Ryan Worden, soloist

Clark

+* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich Sebring

L: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be for all people.

P: Unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

L: Arise, shine; for our light has come, the glory of the Lord
has risen upon us.

P: Nations shall come to his light, and kings to the brightness
of his rising.

L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

P: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #129

[“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rich Sebring

Gracious God, in Christ you chose to become one of us, a helpless infant in a manger, who was Immanuel, God-with-us. Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace. Open our eyes and hearts to the light of your love reflected in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and strangers. In humility, guide us to reflect your love to all. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.

(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)

*KYRIE—HYMN # 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rich Sebring

L: Hear the good news of the Gospel. The mercy of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #132

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

+* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rich Sebring

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Scott Pepperman

HYMN #97

[“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”](#)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

HYMN #115

[“Away in a Manger”](#)

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Scott Pepperman

HYMN #123

[“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” vv. 1-4](#)

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

HYMN #145

[“What Child Is This?”](#)

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+Latecomers will be seated



Hearing-assist devices are located at each entrance of the Meeting House.

To assist those who for some reason must leave the sanctuary during the worship service, a video-camera link broadcasts the service to the Chapel.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK

Ushers:

Terry and Mary Jane Jones

Lay Liturgist:

Rich Sebring

Deacon Server:

Jenny Bell

Downtown Daily Bread volunteers for January 3:

Jo Day and Tracy Bryan



WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 29, 2024

Church Office Schedule for New Year's

The church office will close at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31st, and will be closed on New Year's Day. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 8:00 am. We wish you and your family a very Happy New Year!

Sunday School, Adult Forum, Youth Church, and Preschool Sunday School

No class this Sunday. We will see you in the New Year!

Angel Tree Appreciation

Thank you to all members, family, and friends who selected Angel tags this Christmas. You brought joys and smiles to the faces of over 100 students of the Cumberland Valley School District. The counselors and parents were overwhelmed with our generosity and deeply appreciate our spirit of sharing and caring.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who filled in the necessary Angel tag information, helped with Christmas tag selections, sorting, and delivering in a timely manner. What a glorious sight to see all those beautifully wrapped gifts lined up in the church hallway before being loaded into cars. Much appreciation to John Clegg for setting up and dismantling the tree and for the rest of the staff that daily deposited the gifts in the correct delivery boxes. Many hands make this wonderful project come to fruition.

Blessings, The Deacons

End-of-the-Year Announcement from your Business Manager, Diane Rabold

Contributions

According to IRS regulations, any contributions that you would like to be credited in 2024 must be received in the church office on or before December 31, 2024. A quick option is to contribute online via the church website. Or if you would like to mail your contribution, the postmark must be no later than December 31, 2024.

Volunteers for Communion Needed

Volunteers are needed to prepare Communion for the first Sunday of each month in 2025 for the Traditional service or the Gathering service. The duties are to prepare the bread and juice prior to Sunday morning before the worship service begins.

Place the bread and juice on the Communion trays and put them on the table in the sanctuary. Place the round loaves, chalice and filled flagon on the Communion table. Gather, clean and put away the cups, trays, and plates after the service has ended. If you are willing to help, please contact Kathryn Ressler at pkwidres1@verizon.net. Thank you.

Wine Tasting Group - Saturday, January 11

The wine tasting interest group will be kicking off the new year on Saturday, January 11 at Ken Harm's home at 6:00 pm. Ken has been a wonderful host before, but no matter where we meet, it's always a good evening. We sample several wines, share the hors d'oeuvres that we each bring and enjoy each other's company. The cost is divided between those who have sampled the wine during the evening. If you are part of a couple where only one of you is a wine drinker, there are other non-alcoholic drinks available. Ken's address is 105 Federal Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050. To RSVP, please sign up in the Gathering Place or email Jenny Bell at belljen000@gmail.com by January 5.

Lunch Group - Tuesday, January 14

We begin the year with lunch on Tuesday, January 14 at 11:30 am at Marzoni's Restaurant in the Rossmoyne Center (4925 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg). It has a varied menu of Italian and American fare. Please sign-up in the Gathering Place, or leave a message for Lynne Jackson at 717-761-0940. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 12.

CORE Youth Group

The CORE Youth Group meets most Sundays from 6 pm to 8 pm. **We meet next on January 5.** We are preparing for after the first of the year for Zeteo, and for Youth Sunday. Our group is open for all youth from 6th grade to 12th grade. Join us for Christian education, fellowship, and service.

2025 ROAR WINTER MISSION TRIP

It is time to start planning for the winter ROAR Mission trip to Big Bend Habitat For Humanity in Tallahassee, Florida. The ROAR Team will return to Tallahassee, FL to work with Big Bend Habitat For Humanity building homes for families who need a decent affordable place to live. As a reminder, a ROAR Team is not a specific group of people. ROAR Teams are made up of volunteers who are available at a specific time to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need to build, rebuild, or renovate homes. Building skills are not necessary, only willing hands and feet to witness to Jesus’ love by helping people in their time of need.

The work week will be Monday, February 03 through Friday, February 07, 2025. Volunteers will arrive in Tallahassee on Sunday, February 02 (Ground Hog Day). Departure dates will be as needed by the volunteers. We will be building new homes in an area of Tallahassee developed by Big Bend Habitat. If you are interested in being part of this ROAR Team, please contact Terry Reed at tsreed@verizon.net, at 717-766-2714, or see Terry at church.

Earth Care

The average person generates 4.9 pounds of waste each day, with more than 146 million tons of waste ending up in landfills. But each of us can help reduce waste by making changes in our everyday habits. This New Year, make a resolution to reduce waste in the **coming** year. We have some tips to get you started.

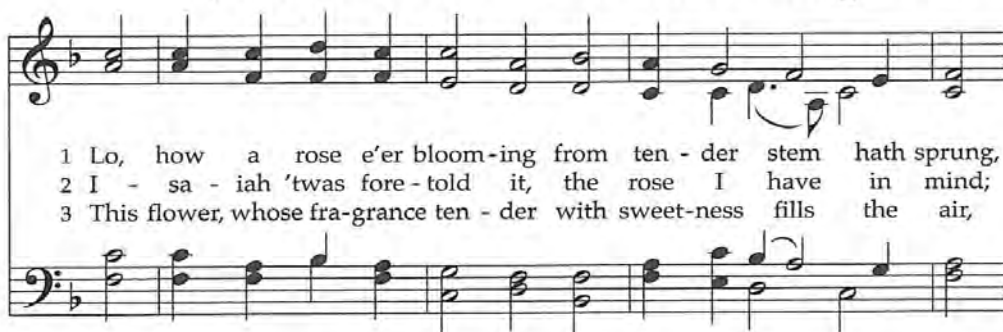
<https://earth911.com/inspire/10-green-new-years-resolutions/>

Prayers of healing and comfort: Pat Langdon, Don Winning, Margaret Glockner, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Betsy Eichelberger, Ron Kutz

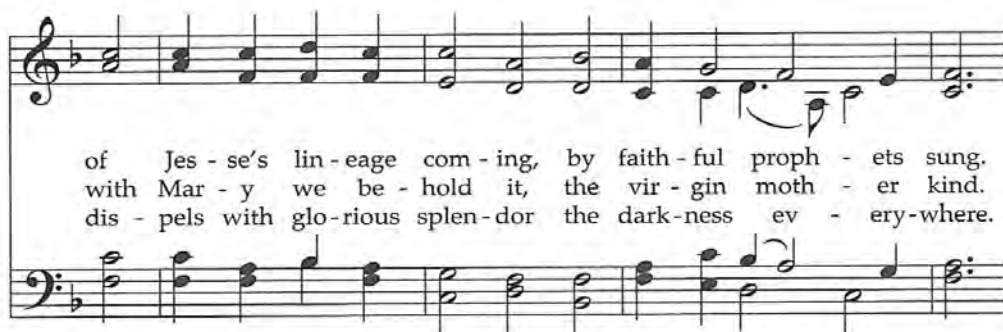
Prayers for our military members: Olivia Chase, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe

ATTENDANCE			
December 15		December 22	
11 am Cantata—211	YouTube—265	11am Worship—144	YouTube—93

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung,
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.





It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he




win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.


 Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.


 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.


 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.




The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,





the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.



123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear





1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,


from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,

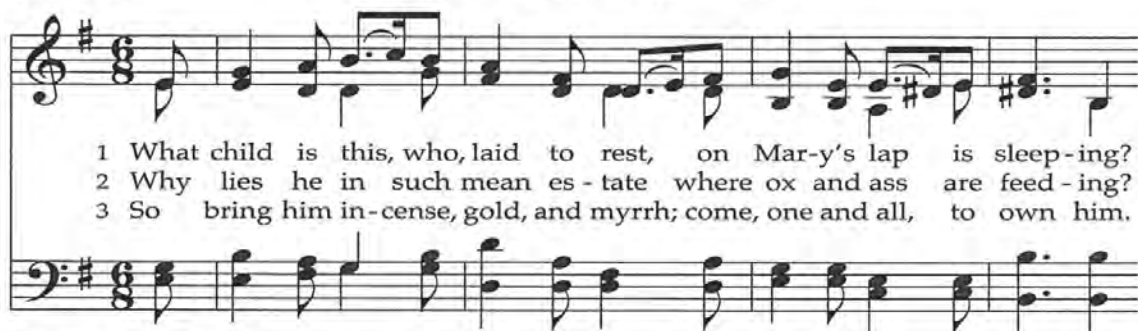
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

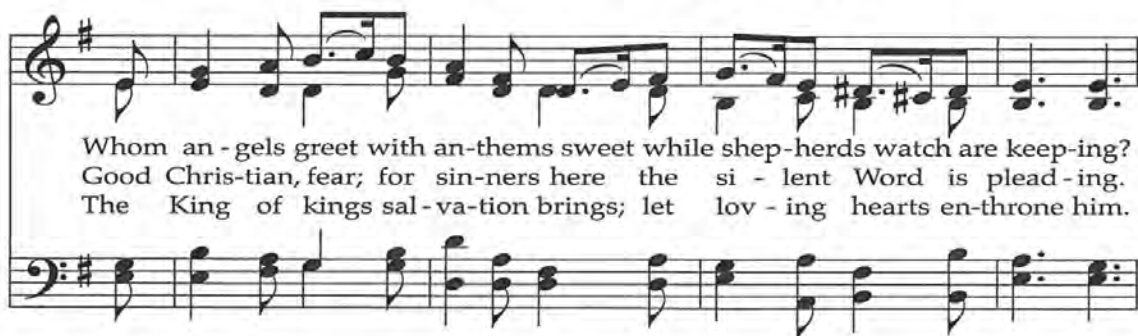
the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



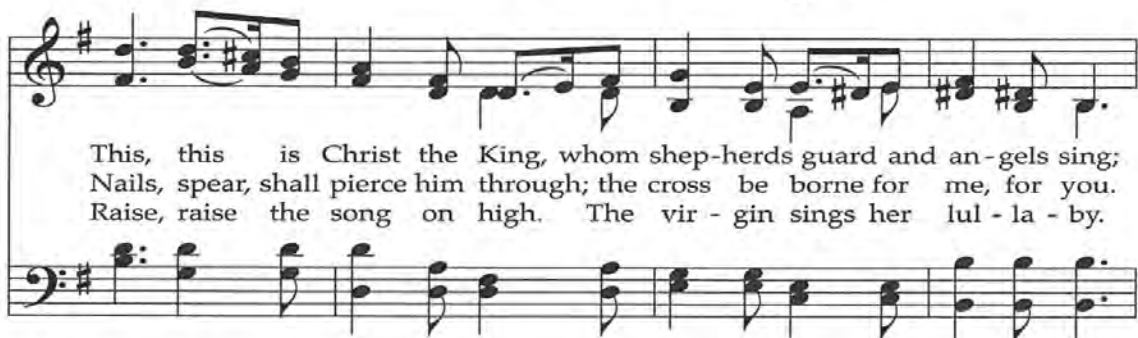
What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

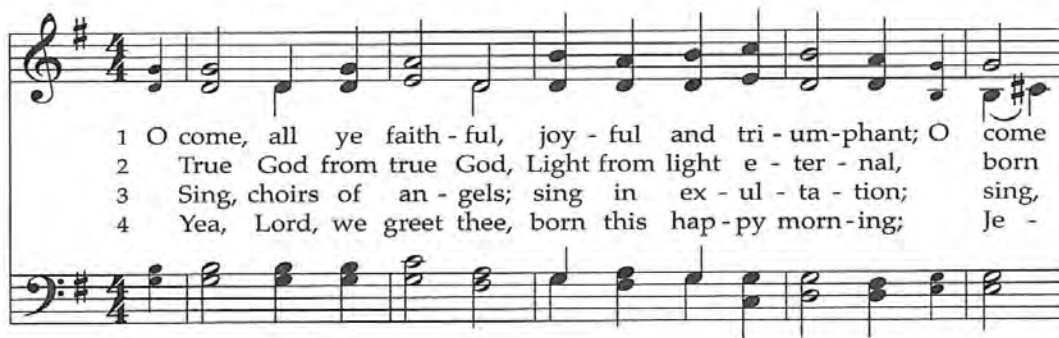
cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

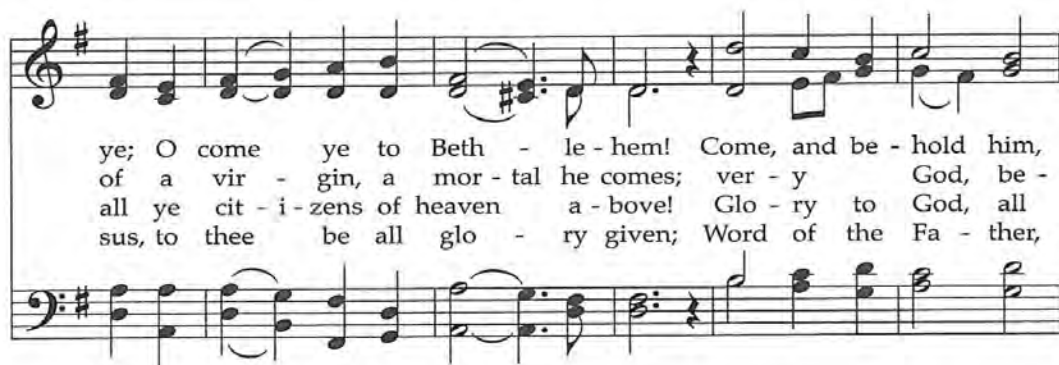
mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain



born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

In the Bleak Midwinter

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1 In the bleak mid-win-ter, frost-y wind made moan;
2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain;
3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there;
4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign;
cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim thronged the air;
If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-win-ter a sta-ble place suf-ficed
but his moth-er on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a-go.
the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.



Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
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 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

CHURCH STAFF

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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Our Mission is to love and praise God, love and nurture our church family, and love and serve our neighbors,

through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, hands-on work, financial support and compassionate care,

in order to follow Jesus and make known the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Vision is to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.

Our Values:

Glorify God: Glorify and praise God through discipling, sharing faith and serving with love

Show Compassion: Compassion expressed as care and concern for all

Share Hospitality: Inclusive hospitality through welcome, acceptance and fellowship

Nurture Relationships: Nurture relationships through respect, support and communication

Steward God's gifts: Faithful stewardship of all God's gifts

Soli Deo Gloria



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