

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA**



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Welcome to all on this 20th Sunday in the season after Pentecost. During these last four weeks before Advent we are asked to continue to wrestle with our spiritual life and with the difficult and joyful tasks of discipleship, being true to our faith and building up the church. As we are enlivened by the brilliant display of God's fall creation, we prepare for the quiet of winter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

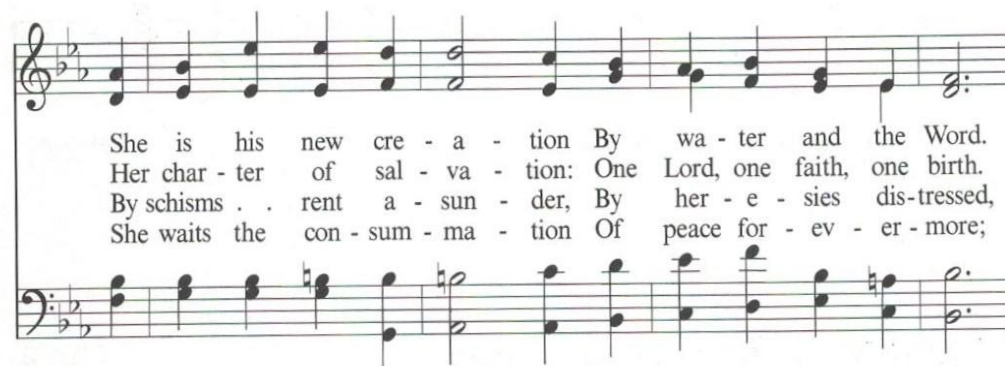
*HYMN ~ *The Church's One Foundation*

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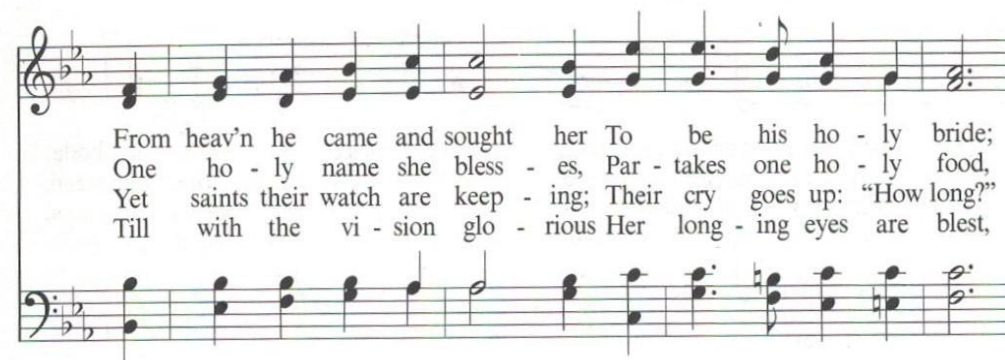
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The Church's One Foundation

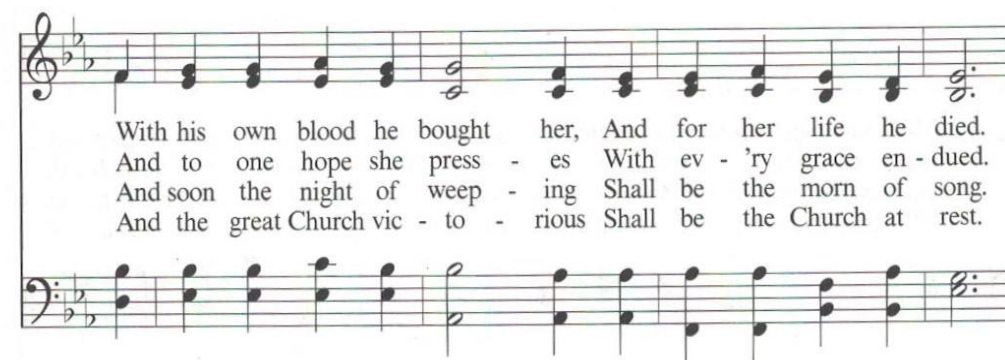

1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

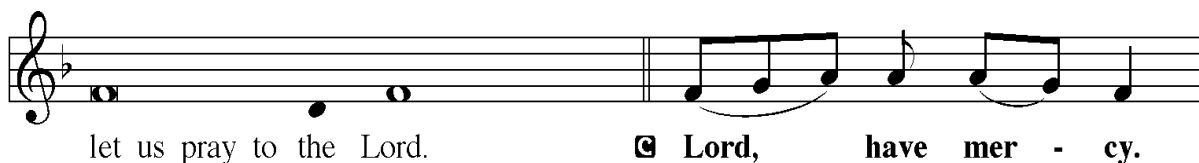
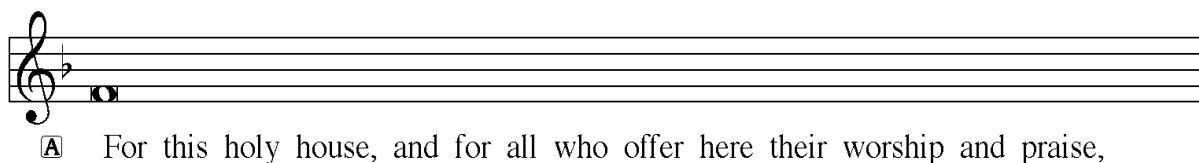
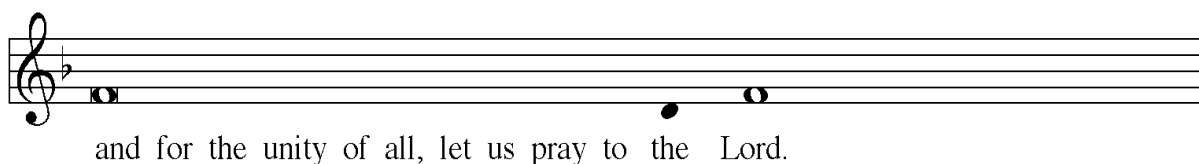
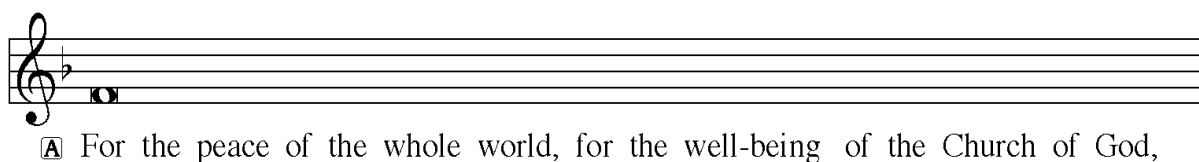
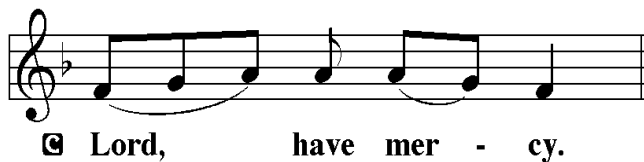
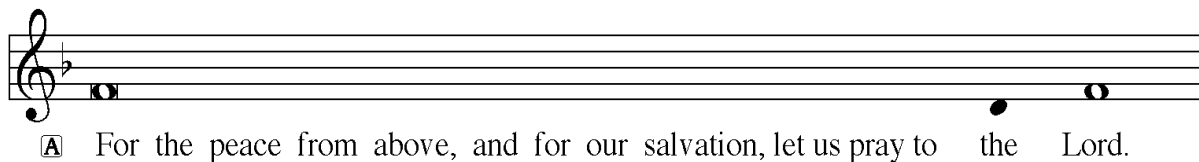
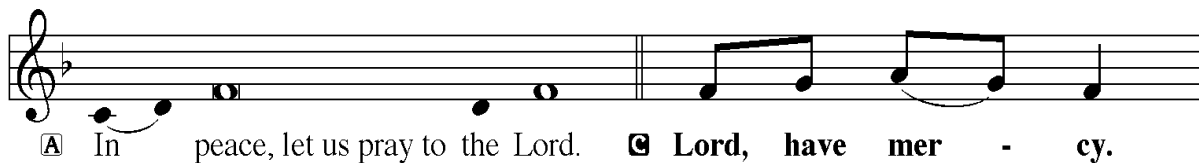
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

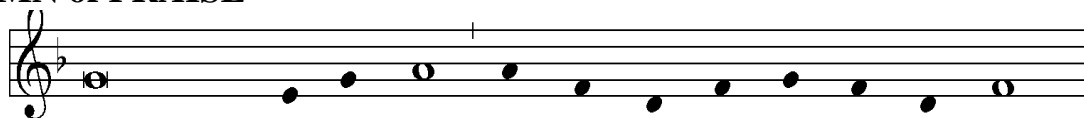
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**



***HYMN of PRAISE**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**



P Let us pray...

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-7 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter.




Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin - we

Chris - tian love; The u - ni - ty of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
 shall be free; And per - fect love and

heart and mind Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
 Tune: Johann G. Nægeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

DENNIS
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace with those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary.

Peace of Christ be with you!

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING ~ You may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER SONGS

SONGS OF PRAYER and SUPPLICATION by Ken Jacobsen

arranged by Seulki Yoo

*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

P In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*THE BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

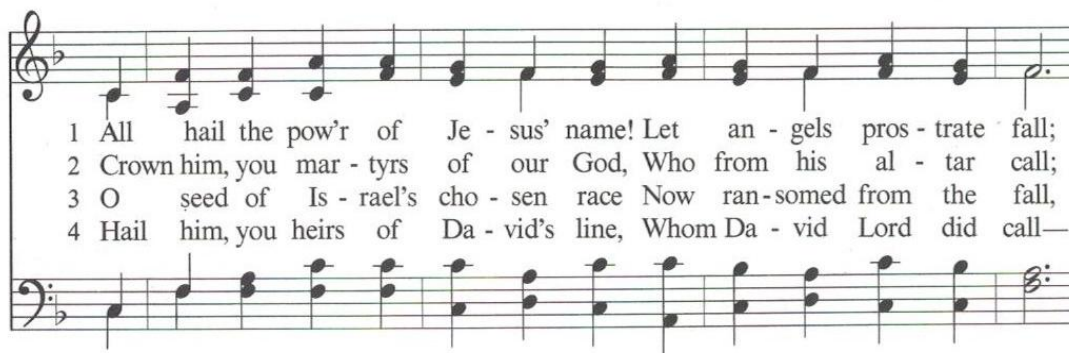
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C Amen**

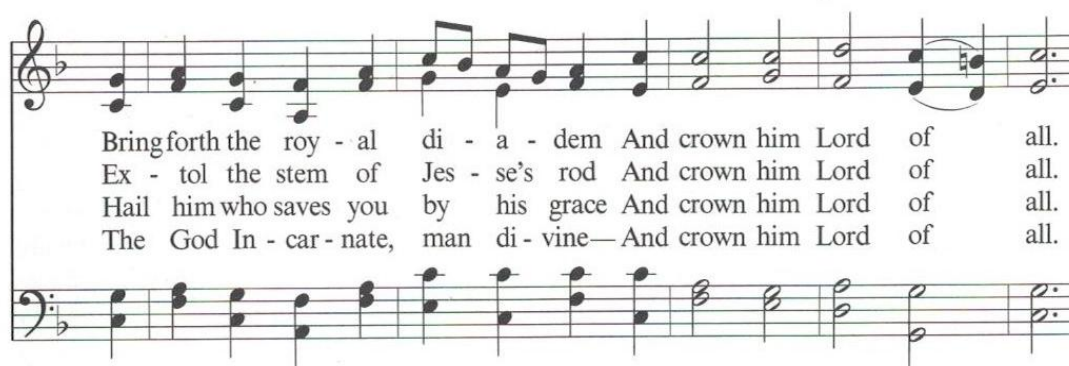
*HYMN ~ All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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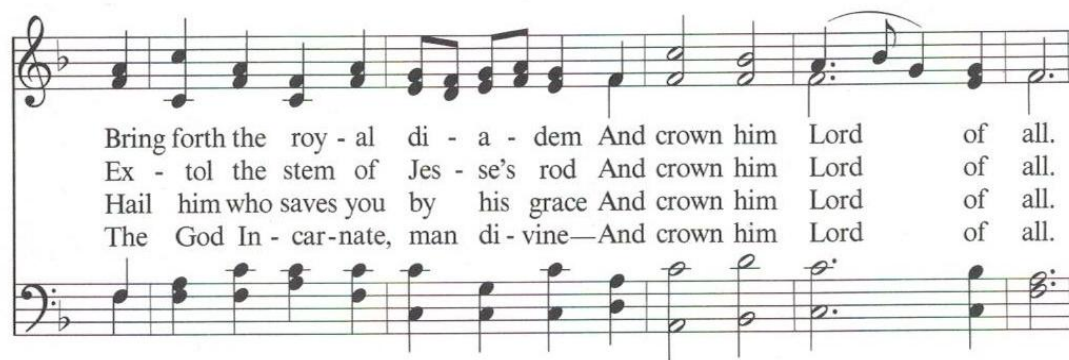
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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race Now ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call—



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
 The God In - car - nate, man di - vine—And crown him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at his feet
 And crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 On this terrestrial ball
 To him all majesty ascribe
 And crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown him Lord of all.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Altar Care: Michele Harshbarger and Carol Fultz

Sound: Jay Byler

Next Sunday, October 30

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Sound: Ed Bilich

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by Eleanore Rachau in loving memory of Dick Rachau.

Please remember in prayer ~ Kathy Eckley (friend of Carolyn Conner), Miriam Williamson (VV), Charles Royer (Greenwood Village), Fred Rodgers, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, (Seulki's mother), Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Ela will be away October 30 and Nov 6 for a family reunion and a retreat on the Gospel of John.

November Communion will be offered on the second Sunday rather than first, November 13, which will be communion with All Saints celebration. We will also have communion as usual on the third Sunday: November 20.

Emergency Pastoral care will be covered by the following pastors.

Presbyterian: Rev. Joy Kauffman 717-667-3850 or 717-250-6307

Lutheran: Rev. Rick Adams 717-436-6989 (Office). 717-253-0235 (home)

Back-up: Rev. Sarah Sedgewick 814-771-1891

On Nov 8 and December 10, the council will meet for a time of retreat and reflection on feedback and follow through on the Synod Listening Team recommendations. Please pray for the leaders of our church in this work.

Current council members and terms ~

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2024
Joy Byler ~ Secretary	end of 2022*
Deb French	end of 2022*
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2023
Nancy Penepacker	end of 2024
Jami Zook ~ Vice President	end of 2022*

*Three members of council will be fulfilling their term this year. Consider your call to leadership in the church.



Interreligious Prayer for Peace Service
East Kish Presbyterian Church of Reedsville
November 16th at 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The silver bowl and urn found in the narthex contain flowers placed by the family in loving memory of Pastor Kramm.

Thank you to John and Brenda Boring for sharing from the bounty of their garden, by blessing the congregation last Sunday with homemade stuffed pepper soup. It was delicious!

St. John's 11th annual gift show is being held November 25 and 26. We are once again selling wreaths. They are approximately 24" with mixed greens including various pine, boxwood, cedar, and cypress. The cost is \$30.00, and a homemade bow of your choice is included.

If you are interested in pre-ordering, please sign-up in the narthex. All wreaths must be picked up at the show; payment can be made at that time.

Proceeds of the wreaths benefit St. John's Christian Daycare and Preschool.

There are still a few dates available for the advent devotional. Please consider helping to write a meditation. A sign-up sheet along with scripture readings can be found in the narthex.

Submissions can be emailed or handwritten, and are due by Friday, November 11...PLEASE.

January 1 thru October 20, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 22 Offering ~ \$1,200.00

St. John's ~ Income \$132,197.84 Expense \$130,517.23

Net Income \$1,680.61

Daycare ~ Income \$275,641.48 Expense \$285,780.58

Net Income -\$10,139.10*

*Net income figure is result of ARPA grant spending