

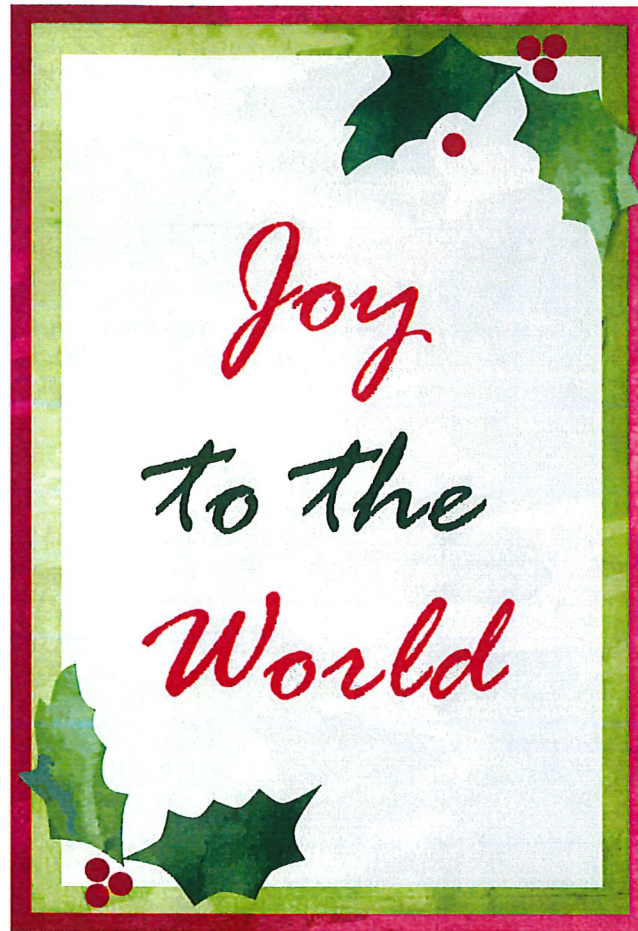
# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*The Rev. James W. Friedel*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 27, 2020 ~ 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



## WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in person or online! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

*Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.*

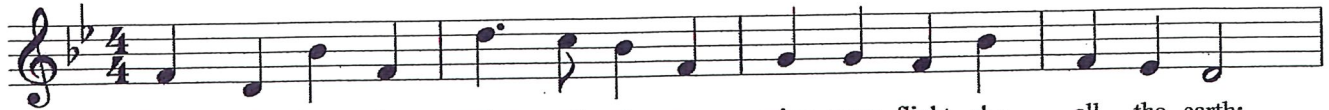
We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
 December 27, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 pm

All stand as are able.

Processional: Angels From the Realms of Glory

(Hymn #93)



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2. Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:  
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



1. ye, who sang cre - a - tions's sto - ry, now pro - claim Me - si - ah's birth:  
 2. God with you is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
 3. seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 4. sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

**Refrain**



come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
 and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

(Hymn #87)



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;



with thean - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!



Hark!, the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

**The Collect of the Day: First Sunday After Christmas**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

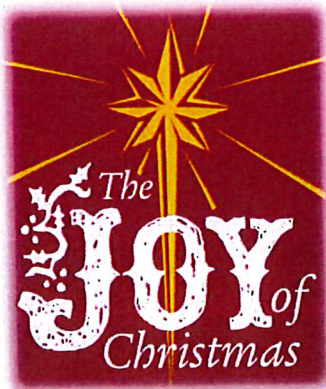


**THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Celebrant* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***



- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
*how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!*
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
*he gathers the exiles of Israel.*
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
*and binds up their wounds.*
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
*and calls them all by their names.*
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
*there is no limit to his wisdom.*
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
*but casts the wicked to the ground.*
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
*make music to our God upon the harp.*
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
*and prepares rain for the earth;*
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
*and green plants to serve mankind.*
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
*and for the young ravens when they cry.*
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
*he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;*
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
*in those who await his gracious favor.*
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
*praise your God, O Zion;*
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
*he has blessed your children within you.*
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
*he satisfies you with the finest wheat.*
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
*and his word runs very swiftly.*
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
*he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.*
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
*who can stand against his cold?*
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
*he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.*
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
*his statutes and his judgments to Israel.*
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
*to them he has not revealed his judgments.*  
*Hallelujah!*

## THE SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Celebrant* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand as are able.*

### GOSPEL HYMN: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

(Hymn C-324)



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling  
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he  
3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with sleep - less



1. stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing  
2. stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy  
3. way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of  
4. eye, veil their fa - ces to the Pres - ence, as with cease-less



1. in his hand Christ our God to earth de - scend-  
2. and the Blood he will give to all the faith-  
3. end - less day, that the powers of hell may va-  
4. voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -"



- 1. eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.  
- 2. ful his own self for heaven - ly food.  
- 3. nish as the dark-ness clears a - way.  
- 4. ial All - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



*Please be seated for the Homily.*

## Homily

*The Rev. James W. Friedel*

*All standing as are able.*



*(BCP Page 358)*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Our Worship continues with the Prayers of the People*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form VI**

(BCP Pages 392-393)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop, David our Diocesan Bishop; Rayford, our Assisting Bishop, and Jim, our Rector; and all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own thanksgiving.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

### Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 392-393)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Peace

(BCP Page 360)

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Offertory Music

*Instrumental*

#### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP Page 367)

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

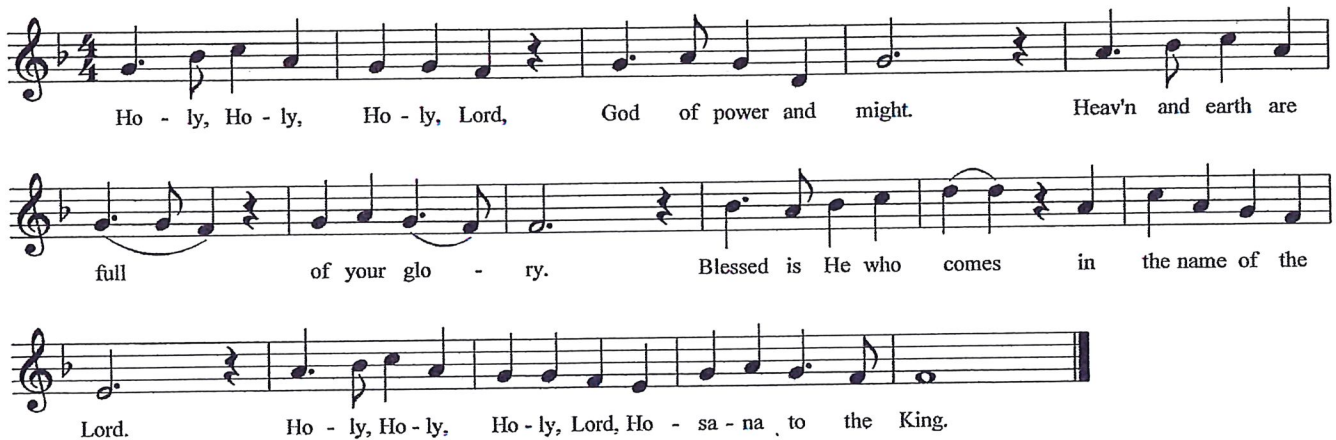
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

*Sung to the tune of In the Bleak Midwinter*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, Ho - sa - na to the King.

*The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you.

*As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.*

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

The Blessing

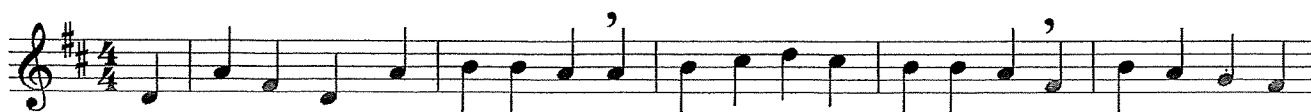
*Celebrant*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*



## Recessional: How Bright Appears the Morning Star

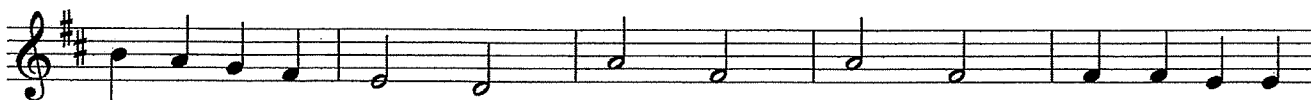
(Hymn #497)



1. How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam-ing from a - far; the host of heaven re-  
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pit-ying eye up - on his help-less  
3. Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin-ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car-



- 1. joic - es; O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We,  
2. crea - ture; the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high-est ser - a - phim a-dored, as-  
- 3. na - tion. In - car-nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great Con-quer-or, till



1. too, will lift our voic - es: Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly ho - ly,  
- 2. sumed our ve - ry na - ture; Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it,  
3. all know thy sal - va - tion. A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia,



1. yet most low - ly, draw thou near us; great Em-man-uel, come and hear us.  
2. to in - her - it thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
3. al - le - lu - ia! Praise be giv - en ev - er-more, by earth and hea - ven.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

*Alleluia.* Let us go forth into the world sharing the good news of God's love.

*All*

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*We are so thankful to those assisting us with the services this morning and this evening.  
We are especially thankful to Barbara Appling and the work of our Altar Guild for making  
our Church so beautiful during this holy season.*

**Lay Readers:** Wendy Laubach and Myra Kline at 9:00 a.m. and JD Debler at 5:00 p.m.

**Ushers/Greeters:** Susan and Harry Craig

**Director of Music Ministries:** Meredith Carter

**Musical Assistance:** Alan Berkebile

*Handsewn face masks were created with love and donated by Martha Berkebile. Thank you, Martha!*

New Year Blessings from St. Peter's!





## IMPORTANT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Birthday to  
Ann Cardill on December 30th,  
Vallerie Farmer on  
December 31st and  
Kay Wilson and Mark Jeffers on  
January 1st and Ron Hamby  
on January 2nd.  
Happy Anniversary to  
Charlene & Steve Williams on  
December 27th,  
Deb & Tony Eby on  
December 29th and Donna and  
Freddie Garcia on January 2nd.

**HELP US HELP YOU STAY SAFE!  
PLEASE...**

- \*Wear your mask. We have some available if needed ~ Spread JOY NOT GERMS!**
- \*We discourage you from engaging in physical contact such as shaking hands, hugging, fist bumping, high fiving, etc. ~ Air hugs only!**
- \*Thank you for practicing social distancing by standing/sitting 6 feet apart (unless you are in family units) ~ Leave plenty of room for Jesus between you.**
- \*Use hand sanitizer! ~ Let's wash those germs right off of our hands!**

**UNTIL WE CAN HUG AGAIN, PLEASE BE SAFE!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**



*The Poinsettias at the Altar were placed to the Glory of God in memory and in thanksgiving for our loved ones. If you purchased a poinsettia, you may take yours home after the service this morning.*



**We can NOT reuse the service bulletins. If you do not want to take yours home, please put in the recycling bin!  
THANK YOU!**