



# Order of Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM – December 26, 2021

*Welcome to worship, fellowship and Christian education.  
May the Holy Spirit touch your life during your time here today.*

As we enter our Service, please be in an *attitude of Worship.*

## GATHERING CHORUS

Chapel - 228 “He Is Born” (Verse 3)  
Sanctuary - “Good Christian Men Rejoice”

## \*TIME OF GREETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE - “How Great Our Joy” with  
“Joy to the World”  
-Traditional German Melody, arr. by Dock Torrans

\*INVOCATION - 234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*OPENING HYMN - 245 “The First Noel”

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRACE

Almighty and everlasting God, who by your only begotten Son has made us a new creation: Preserve the works of your mercy, and cleanse us from all our ancient stains, that by the assistance of your grace we may be counted at one with Him; our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Carol - 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Carol - 218 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol - 217 “Away in a Manger”

SPECIAL MUSIC - Chris Brown

THE OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OTHER GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY - “A Christmas Scherzo”  
-by John Marsh

\*THE DOXOLOGY - 95

HYMN OF PREPARATION - 219 “What Child Is This”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer - The Lord’s Prayer

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT - 1 Samuel 2:18-26

\*NEW TESTAMENT - Luke 2:41-52

This is the Word from the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD.

## THE GLORIA PATRI – 70

*Children may be dismissed for 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.*

SERMON – “About Our Father’s Business”

-Pastor Clark

CLOSING HYMN - 238 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

\*BENEDICTION - 251 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

\*HYMN OF DISMISSAL - 204 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called  
Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE – “Hallelujah Chorus” -by G.F. Handel

*\*If able, please stand for these parts of the service.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship!  
Have a blessed week!*

*Thank You!*

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our congregation for coming together over this past year.

Let’s continue to stay positive, stay safe and stay together in the new year!

- Nancy Ciotti



George McKee, The Franzen Family,  
The Chappell Family, The Popa Family,  
The Kidd Family & The Swegan Family

Written concerns can be submitted to the office by calling 330-337-9531 or [office@firstumcsalem.org](mailto:office@firstumcsalem.org)

## SERVING TODAY

COFFEE HOUR: 9:15 am

GREETERS:

2nd HOUR HELPERS: Barb Irwin

READERS for December: 8:30:

10:45: Phil Buchmann

ACCOLYTE: Blakely Brooks

USHERS: 8:30: Bill Sedlacek

10:45: Team #5 - Peppel

USHERS for January 2: Team #1 - Schmidt

DRIVERS for December: Heather Sedlacek & Bob Floor



December 19, 2021

Giving:

Unified Budget: \$ 2,698  
Specified: \$ 1,031  
Total Offering: \$ 3,729

Pastors:

Wayne Clark  
Bruce Irwin  
John Fitch

Yvonne Bennett - Church Treasurer  
Jenny Toporcer - Office Manager  
Linda Peterson - Organist  
Chris Brown - Director of Music  
Hery Salamanca - Youth Leader  
Ashley Essick - Housekeeper

# news & events

Sunday, January 9th (after 2nd service)

Fellowship Meal

Chili & Corn Bread  
*(Bring your favorite dessert)*

**THANK YOU!**

*THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts to everyone that prayed for Joe and my health over the past couple of weeks. God heard your prayers and, while he is still on oxygen at home, they let Joe come home from the hospital in time for Christmas.*

*Again, THANK YOU so much for your love!*

*Joe & Jenny Toporcer*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 26

8:30 a.m. - Worship - Chapel  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Worship – Sanctuary  
11 a.m. - “Hearts on Fire” Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 28

8 a.m. - Prayer in Chapel  
1 p.m. - DUH!  
4 p.m. - Youth Bible  
7 p.m. - Families Anonymous Meeting (Café)

Wednesday, December 29

6 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study  
9 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study  
6-8 p.m. - HOF Praise Practice

Thursday, December 30

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Praise  
7 p.m. - Adult Choir

Friday, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

Saturday, January 1

NEW YEARS DAY

Sunday, January 2

8:30 a.m. - Worship - Chapel  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Worship - Sanctuary  
11 a.m. - “Hearts on Fire” Fellowship Hall  
12 p.m. - Fellowship Meal

Welcome to the Fortress of Faith

**December 26, 2021**



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**Worship Services:**

Chapel: Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary: Sun. 10:45 a.m.  
Hearts On Fire 11 a.m.



**Our Mission:**  
*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*