



Let us
now go even unto
Bethlehem,

and see this thing which is come to pass.

Luke 2:15, KJV

Newark First United Methodist Church Welcomes You

December 26, 2021 10AM

1st Sunday After Christmas

† indicates please stand if you are able

PRELUDE: *The First Noel* Stephanie Mercer

CANDLE LIGHTING: Diane Sheckler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kyle Houser

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: TFWS 2095

Star Child
Blessing Baskets for NOMADs

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 148 (UMH 861)* Diane Sheckler

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Joy to the World* UMH 246

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP: Diane Sheckler

First Peter 2:9 tells us, “You are chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Romans 7:4 tells us, “In the same way, my friends, you have died to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.”

Rick Warren observes, “Serving is the opposite of our natural inclination. Most of the time we’re more interested in ‘serve us’ than service. We say, “I’m looking for a church that meets my needs and blesses me,” not “I’m looking for a place to serve and be a blessing” (Rick Warren, Purpose Driven Life, Day 29)

O Lord, the days following Christmas are among the darkest of the year from many people. In this season of short days, long cold nights, gathered friends and family now gone back home are replaced by the bills for gifts, food and heat. Remind me, in my times of depression, that the answer is not to seek someone to make me feel better, but to follow the Way of Christ and reach out to someone who can’t possibly repay my efforts. For in giving myself away to another, I will remember why You gave yourself for me, and I will be blessed. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Still, Still, Still

TFWS 3066

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Diane Sheckler

SPECIAL MUSIC:

A Carol by Request

(First & Last Vs)

GOSPEL READING:

Diane Sheckler

SPECIAL MUSIC:

A Carol by Request

(First & Last Vs)

EPISTLE READING:

SPECIAL MUSIC:

I Saw Three Ships

Jason Cornwell Mandolin

Luke Cornwell Guitar

GOD'S EPIPHANIES IN OUR LIVES:

Kyle Houser

OFFERTORY:

I heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Stephanie Mercer

GLORIA PATRI:

UMH 70

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING:

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

BENEDICTION:

May the true gift of the season—God's grace and blessing through Jesus, the Christ— be experienced by each member of your families in all their generations and locations— this Christmas Season and all year long. Amen

POSTLUDE:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Stephanie Mercer

This week at NFUMC

Tuesday, December 28th

Rummage Sorting, 9:30AM
Grand Sweep, 7:30PM ~ Zoom

Wednesday, December 29th

Grand Sweep, 9:30AM ~ Chapel
Bell Choir, 6:30PM ~ Sanctuary
Chancel Choir, 7:30PM ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, January 2nd

Worship 8AM & 10AM

Upcoming Liturgist:

1/2 - Karen Weimer
1/9 - Chad Sheckler
1/16 - Diane Sheckler
1/23 - Jessica Wells
1/30 - Kyle Houser

Ushers for TODAY...

Gail DeFisher & David True

Hearing Assistance Available!

**See Lucina Hallagan about
this!**

Prayer Notes...



We lift in prayer...

Some of our homebound friends: Ron & Elaine Herman, Shirley Hyman, Maggie Mathis, Margaret Rundel, Hazel Herdman, Betty VanAuken, Charlie Hallagan, Dorothy Decker, Diane Schultz, Owen Hughes, Judy Jansen, Enid Shultz, Norma Walters.. **God bless them in their needs.**

From the Prayer chain this week:

Vicki George ~ Health & Healing
Jamie Stoops ~ Health & Healing
Tim DeFisher ~ Health & Healing



What are your Goals for 2022?

