

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
December 31, 2023
First Sunday After Christmas

Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace!

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Church Office Hours: M-F 8a.m.-4pm

As we gather today, our hope is that through this time of hearing and reflecting on God's Word, your faith is strengthened for service in Christ's name. Our mission is to Know Jesus Christ and to Make Him Known.

We pray that you will feel comfortable and at home during your worship experience. If you are here for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex. There you will find information about the church and ministry activities. Please fill out the welcome book located in the welcome center, so we may acknowledge your visit with us.

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an important part of Christian worship. At Prince of Peace, we practice "Communion Fellowship" which means that those communing at the altar have the following four beliefs in common.

1. I am baptized in the name of the Triune God - Matthew 28:19
2. I am a sinner and seek God's forgiveness through Christ.-1 Corinthians 11:29
3. I recognize the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.-1 Corinthians 11:29
4. I have a desire to live a God-pleasing life.-1 Thessalonians 4:12

If you are a first time visitor, please speak with the Pastor or Elder prior to communing. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it. *We request that those who join us in worship after the confession and absolution refrain from coming to the Lord's Supper until they have had opportunity to examine themselves. Please see pastor after service and he will commune you.*

To limit contact, our offering envelopes are available as you enter the sanctuary and may be left in the plate. We appreciate your support.

Thank you for joining us today as we worship our Lord and Savior.
May you be richly blessed by our Prince of Peace!

Worship Today - 9:30 a.m.

As We Gather

How long is a generation? Keepers of statistics suggest that a generation is between twenty and thirty years and note that at the present time there are six distinct generations living in the United States. The current generations range from our oldest citizens, known as the *Greatest Generation through our youngest, given the group name of Generation Z. In the account of the presentation of our Lord in the temple at Jerusalem, we see Jesus as a baby from the youngest generation and we meet Anna the prophetess, well advanced into the most elderly generation, and Simeon, who is often portrayed as an older man. The temple is the place for all generations to experience the presence and blessing of God! The psalmist exults in praise to God: "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). As we worship, we continue that praise in this generation.*

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Opening Hymn 366 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

1 It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

3 All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm *Psalm 90:1–12*

- P** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- C** **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- P** You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”
- C** **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**
- P** You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- C** **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
- P** For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
- C** **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
- P** For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C** **The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**
- P** Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- C** **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *Angels from the Realms of Glory, 367*

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. Refrain

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain

4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. Refrain

5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. Refrain

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 30:15-17*

A A reading from the book of Isaiah, chapter thirty.

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Romans 8:31b-39*

A A reading from the book of Romans, chapter eight.

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who

shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *LSB 190*

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 2:22–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day 897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

1 O rejoice, ye Christians, loudly, For our joy has now begun;

Wondrous things our God has done. Tell abroad His goodness proudly,
Who our race has honored thus, That He deigns to dwell with us. Refrain

Refrain: Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ has done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of Grace is shining!

2 See, my soul, thy Savior chooses Weakness here and poverty;

In such love He comes to thee. Neither crib nor cross refuses;
All He suffers for thy good To redeem thee by His blood. Refrain

3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly? I acknowledge that by Thee

I am saved eternally. Let me not forget it lightly,
But to Thee at all times cleave And my heart true peace receive. Refrain

4 Jesus, guard and guide Thy members, Fill them with Thy boundless grace,

Hear their prayers in ev'ry place. Fan to flame faith's glowing embers;
Grant all Christians, far and near, Holy peace, a glad new year! Refrain

Sermon

Offertory *LSB 192*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet,...

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymn 373 *See amid the Winter's Snow*

1 See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below,
See, the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. Refrain

Refrain: Hail, O ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2 Lo, within a stable lies He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim. Refrain

3 Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this! Refrain

4 Teach, O teach us, holy Child, By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee In Thy sweet humility. Refrain

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Distribution Hymn 386 *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the
face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Is-
rael. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Sending Hymn 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Peace Notes

Join Prince of Peace as we dive into the Scriptures in 2024. As a congregation, we'll read the Bible together. Our goal is to read through the Old and New Testaments in a year. There is a reading plan available in the narthex or via app. To use the app, simply download You Version Bible app from the Apple store or Google Play and search for "reformation reading plan". Each day (except Sunday) we read several chapters from the Old and New Testaments. Join us in Bible study on Sunday as we discuss what we have read and look forward to the next week's readings.

You may have noticed, the Sunday service bulletins are added to the web page for your convenience at home. If you follow along the service online you can download the bulletin and have the responsive readings, hymns, etc. printed out as well as following along on the screen. We hope this will make our Sunday mornings even more accessible to all! Join us for worship in person or online each Sunday at 9:30 am.

On Thursday, January 18, 2024 the Christ Our Savior Forever Young Group is hosting Claire Kitchin Dahl who will present on the topic Rosie, the Riveter. This presentation will highlight the boldness, determination and bravery of American men AND women as they prepared for, and then valiantly fought, World War II. A pizza lunch (\$12 per person) will be held at noon, with the presentation following. Contact organizers Linda Waara (734-245-5733) or Barb Karowich (734-480-1644) to sign up for this event at Christ Our Savior in Livonia.

Portals of Prayer are free and available in the narthex this morning for January through March. Please take one and maybe share another with a friend!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today

New Year's Eve

Worship at 9:30am

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Church office closed

Tuesday, January 2

Prayer Team 7:15pm

NA meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 3

Bible Study at noon

Thursday, January 4

AWPC class 5:30pm

Friday, January 5

NA meeting 11 a.m.

AA Meeting 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 6

Work day to put away

Christmas decorations 8am

Sunday, January 7

Bible Study 8:30 am

Worship at 9:30am

COMING UP

Monday, January 8

Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 11

Bible Study 7pm

Saturday, January 13

Women's Bible study 10am

Keep in Prayer this week

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...

- ✠ For the conflict in the Middle East and resolution for cease-fire and peace.
- ✠ For the coming new year as we give thanks for all that we have and look forward to God's presence in our life for 2024.
- ✠ For Scott Elliott who is having foot surgery on January 4
- ✠ For the health concerns of: Gloria Vaaler, Gail Fisher, Walter Pulter, Hannah Tilking, Helen Nye, Janet Farrell and Melody Rinn, Barb Dunigan, Florin Zaha. David Collins, Larry Geiger, Mari Clifford, Dave Gooding, Rachel Svoke and Dennis Coffey


Love One Another as I Have Loved You . . .



In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you, or someone you know, is going through a difficult time, contact our Stephen Leader about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love. Call our confidential line at (248) 553-3380 ext. 9 and our Stephen Minister will return your call promptly.

Upcoming Service Schedule

	Ministry Service Schedule		
	31-December	7-January	14-January
	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
ELDERS	Greg Echols	Charley Staab	Dick Walker
READER	Susan Vaaler	Ron Donoghue	Karen Turgeon
GREETER	Marabeth Warnke	Marabeth Warnke	Susan & Kurt Vaaler
VIDEO OPERATOR	Chris Moses	Barb Donoghue	Ed Kaiser
TELLERS	JoAnn Lind	Sharon Moses	Doug Butler
	Mike Hodgins	Irene Rothschild	Ron Donoghue
USHERS	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!	volunteer today volunteer today	Volunteer today! Volunteer today!