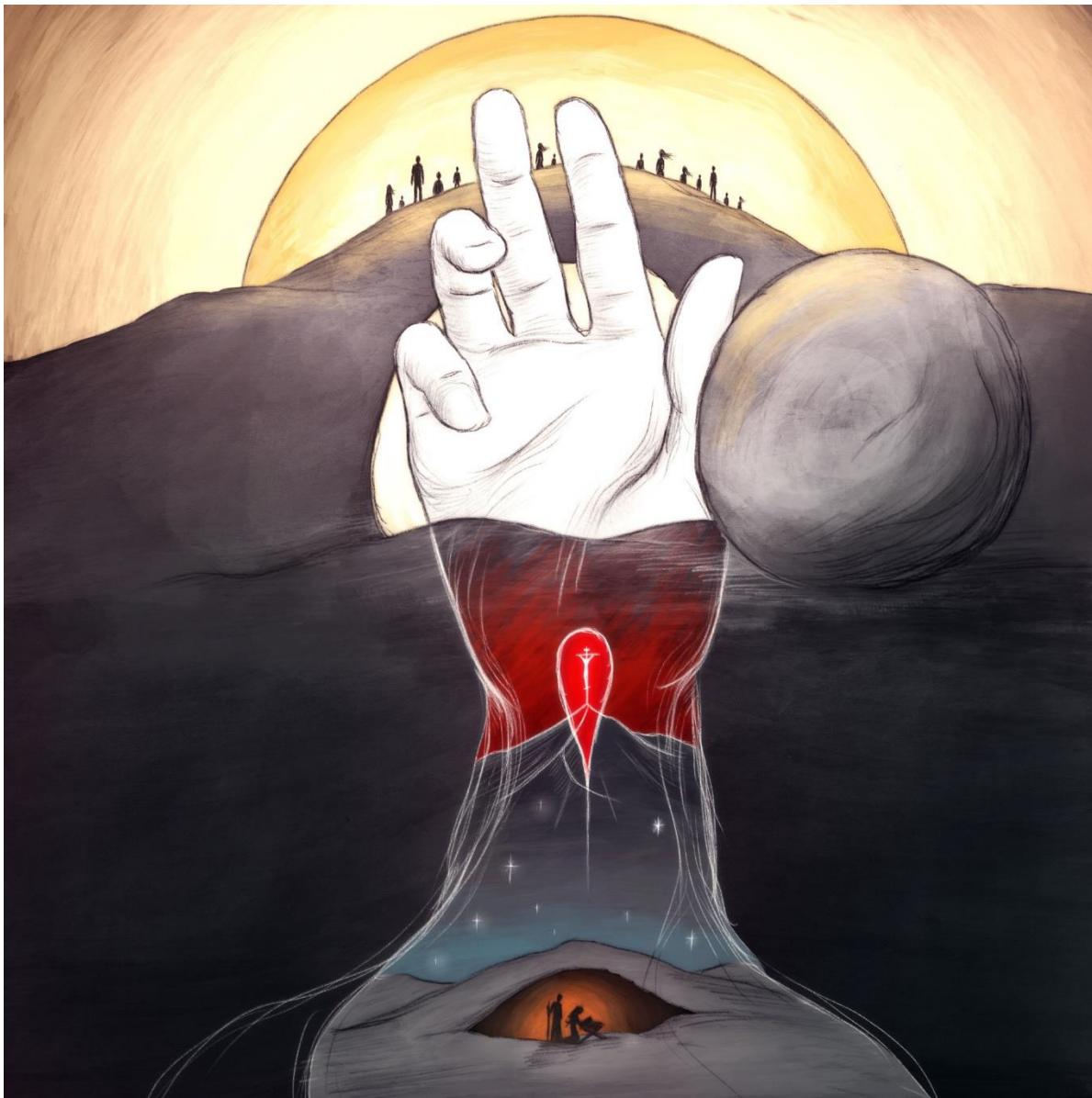


Prince of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church



What Child is This?
Our Substitute and Sacrifice

Christmas 1

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"Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace."

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God's house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

THEME FOR TODAY

Already as a child, Jesus' saving work had begun. His entire life, he served as our substitute, perfectly obeying God's Law. Just think of how we often neglect the study of God's Word. Then look at twelve-year-old Jesus, eager to be in the temple learning more about Scripture. However, he would need to do more than be our substitute. Eventually he would lay that perfect life down as the sacrifice for our sin.

LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture teaches us that in the Lord's Supper:

- The body and blood of Christ are really present with the bread and the wine.
(Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:27)
- Jesus gives true forgiveness, not just a symbol, to each recipient. (Matthew 26:28)
- We are united as one body of believers because we all partake the one body and blood of Christ.
"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf." (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

For these reasons we ask that, if you are not a part of a WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church that publicly confesses to believe these same scriptural truths, you speak with our pastor before you take the Sacrament. We do not wish to judge your faith, but want to make sure that we are in agreement before publicly declaring that we share a common faith.

We are careful about the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper because we want to humbly accept this gift the way God intended.

WORSHIP SERIES

A baby is born every twelve seconds. That's 140 million babies born each year. Yet, there is something that sets this child apart from all others. It is not simply his humble beginnings, with a cattle trough as his first cradle. It is not just the miraculous nature of his birth, his mother being a virgin. There is so much more. This child is the only hope we have for peace and a future. This child can wipe away every tear, drive away every fear. Here is the truth of Christmas. With this child, you lack nothing. Without him, you have nothing. Let us use this season of Christmas to answer this most important question: **WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Christmas Eve, December 24 th	— A Savior
Christmas Day, December 25 th	— God in the Flesh
Sunday, December 26th	Our Substitute and Sacrifice
Sunday, January 2 nd	— The One Who Sets His People Free

ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN 58

See in Yonder Manger Low

CHRISTMAS

58

See in Yonder Manger Low



1 See in yon - der man - ger low, Born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with-in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di-vine, What a ten - der love was thine,
4 Teach, oh, teach us, ho - ly Child, By thy face so meek and mild,



See— the gen - tle Lamb ap-pears, Prom-ised from e - ter - nal years.
He who, throned in height sub-lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this.
Teach us to re - sem - ble thee In thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

Refrain



Hail the ev - er bless-ed morn; Hail re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn;



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

Text: Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: HUMILITY (77 77 with Refrain) John Gross, 1800–80.

STAND

[M]: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

[C]: And also with you.

CONFESSiON OF SiNS

[M]: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

[C]: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

[M]: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

[C]: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

[M]: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

[M]: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mer - cy.

[M]: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

[M]: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: A - men.

[M]: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
 all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
 you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M]: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

The servant of the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah. While we have not always trusted God, Jesus demonstrated perfect obedience and trust, even when his Father asked him to be the sacrifice for our sin.

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
 to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
 wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
 I have not been rebellious,
 I have not turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me,
 my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
 from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
 I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
 and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
 Who then will bring charges against me?
 Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?
 Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
 Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
 the moths will eat them up.

Refrain

Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone

*



Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered.*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people.*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

Through his suffering and sacrifice, Jesus has made us holy. He now calls us his brothers and sisters.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

- Staff 1: C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
- Staff 2: These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
- Staff 3: Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- Staff 4: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Even as a boy, Jesus was acting as our substitute, demonstrating obedience to the heavenly Father and respect for God's holy Word.

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY 41**Let All Together Praise the Lord**

CHRISTMAS

41**Let All Together Praise Our God**

1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser-vant's
 4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
 5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
 in - fant small, And in a man-ger, poor and lone, Lies
 form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
 flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
 change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
 maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
 help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
 Of paradise today.
 The angel guards the gate no more;
 To God our thanks we pay,
 To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

SERMON**Hebrews 2:10-18****Human in Every Way**

- I. To Set Us Free**
- II. To Make Us Holy**

STAND

NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

During this on-going pandemic we have refrained from passing the offering plate. You may place your offering into the plate on the table before or after the service. Online giving is also available on our website, www.princeofpeacemartinez.com.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- [M]:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- [C]: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**
- [M]:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.
- [C]: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- [M]:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- [M]:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

[M]: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

[M]: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

[M]: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[M]: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[M]: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

[M]: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

[M]: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

[M]: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



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HYMN 53

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

CHRISTMAS

53 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

1 To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared
2 "At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, As Mi -
3 Oh, then re - joice that through his Son God is
4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true
5 Not one he will or can for - sake; His cov -

a host of an - gels bright; "Be - hold the ten - der
cah did of old make known. It is the Christ, your
with sin - ners now at one; Made like your - selves of
God now a - bides with you. Let hell and Sa - tan
'nant he will nev - er break. Let ev - 'ry scheme the

babe," they said, "In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
Lord and King, Who will to all sal - va - tion bring."
flesh and blood, Your broth - er is th' e - ter - nal God.
storm and rave, Christ is your broth - er— you are safe.
tempt - er try, You may his ut - most pow'r de - fy.

6 You shall and must at last prevail.
God's own you are; you cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship
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FLOWERS

Olinda Lane has purchased the flowers for the chancel area today in loving memory of her husband Dwayne. We long for that day when God's Church will be united in heaven's glory to praise our God together for all the blessings we enjoy for Jesus' sake. We join Olinda in giving thanks to God for the blessings of family, while we enjoy their companionship here, confident always of a blessed reunion in heaven for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.



THANK YOU



Thank you to Christa Cook for faithfully serving Prince of Peace the past 5 years with her time and efforts by coming weekly to clean and restock the church and fellowship hall bathrooms. Now that Christa's time fulfilling this role has come to an end, there is new opportunity for volunteers to take up this task and serve the church and one another!



PASTOR ON VACATION



Pastor will be gone December 28th thru January 7th. Next Sunday, worship will be led by the elders. Please contact an elder if a need arises while Pastor is gone.

<u>Operating Offerings</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Mortgage Progress</u>	
12/15 & 12/19	\$ 4,762.00	8:00 am	26	12/15 & 12/19	\$ 2,731.00
Month to Date	\$ 15,438.00	10:30 am	86	Month to Date	\$ 3,425.00
YTD	\$191,449.00	Total	112	YTD	\$40,920.00
Budget YTD	\$207,524.00			Budget YTD	\$33,688.00
2020 YTD	\$205,803.00	12/15/21	19	2020 YTD	\$43,210.00

Weekly needs December Operating Offering \$ 4,289.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment \$ 2,867.00

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