# **GATHERED WORSHIP**

# Sunday, December 24, 2023

#### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Matthew 2:10; Isaiah 60:1-3

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**GOD CLEANSES US** 

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN PERSONAL CONFESSION (in silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 139:23-24

Isaiah 25:9

**OFFERING** 

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Rejoice (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

PASTORAL PRAYER

**COMMUNITY WELCOME** 

Elder Leo Hsu

#### GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

**HOMILY** 

Isaiah 9:6-7 (Church Bible page 573)

Rev. Daniel Song

Advent 2023: Royal Names

"Prince of Peace"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

In Christ Alone

DOXOLOGY

COMMUNION

Advent / Christmas Doxology

**GOD COMMISSIONS US** 

BENEDICTION



We exist to pursue the restoration of people, communities, and cultures in the greater St. Louis area and the world through the transforming power of the Gospel.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Welcome to ResCom!

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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: "Lessons & Carols"

Sunday, Dec 24, 6pm We will have our Christmas Eve candlelight service, Lessons & Carols on TONIGHT, Dec 24 at 6pm.

## Leader Gathering: The Household of Faith

Saturday, January 6, 9am How does belonging to the "household of faith" both invite and enable us to live in a way that is more connected,



servant-hearted, and sustainable? This gathering is for all our ministry leaders - CG Leaders, NextGen volunteers, staff, officers, etc., but is also open to anyone interested in attending. Breakfast and childcare will be provided for those who sign up by Jan 3.

#### Officer Nominations

During the month of December
Ballots for nominating eligible candidates for elders, deacons and deaconess are on the brown box at the rear of the sanctuary. You can also fill out the on-line form at

tinyurl.com/ResComOfficerNom.
\* Nominations will only be received up until Dec 31.

#### Year End Giving

Thank you for your financial support and partnership in the Gospel in 2023. Please remember that your tax-deductible, year-end gifts must be received (or postmarked) no later than Dec 31, 2023.

#### **Holiday Office Hours**

Closed Dec 25, 2023 - Dec 29, 2023 The office will be closed for the holidays (Dec 25-29). Merry Christmas!

### Mobile App & Sign Ups

Download the ResCom mobile app by scanning the QR code or *rescom.churchtrac.com*. Click on the *REGISTRATIONS* button to register for **Community** 

Groups, Bible Study and other events. Also check out the *Upcoming Events* and *Online Directory* after you sign in.

#### In God's Word Together in 2024

We are embarking on a new Bible Reading Plan for the new year! Daily readings will be available on our ChurchTrac app, with printed copies of the schedule available at church. If you'd like to discuss what you're reading with others, join the conversation on our GroupMe. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might make time in God's Word a regular part of your day in the new year.

#### MLK's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

Saturday, January 13, 9-10:30am
We have made a practice of setting aside time on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend to pause and reflect on the words of this pastor and civil rights leader. His "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," written in 1963, is considered required reading on the topic of racial injustice, and since it was originally written to Christian and Jewish clergy, it is especially pertinent for us in the church. Join us to read and discuss this letter together. Sign up via the Rescom App to help us plan for materials.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 24, 6pm: Lessons & Carols
Dec 31: Officer Nomination Closes

Jan 6: Leader Gathering

Jan 12-14: Youth Winter Retreat

Jan 13: MLK's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

Jan 17: Women's Bible Study Resumes

Jan 24: Men's Bible Study Resumes

Jan 25: Women's Morning Bible Study Resumes

Feb 25: Membership Class Oct 5-6: 2024 Church Retreat

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