

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 132

When God is a Child

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY – To the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

We present our gifts to you with joy, O God. May they be used to make a difference in the lives of people where hope is scarce. May our gifts be a reminder of your love, to all those who will receive them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

7th Grade Students

SERMON:

The Gift of Joy

Rev. Kevin Pleas

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 143

Joy to the World

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D major – D. Buxtehude

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:4-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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