

# Celebrating the Lord's Day

at

Bazetta Christian Church

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

Worship: Early 9:30 a.m.

Worship: Afresh 11:15 a.m.

## *The Church Gathers Before God*

### GREETINGS IN CHRIST

MUSIC FOR CENTERING *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

#### \* THE PEACE

*The people exchange with one another, by words and gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Cole Faler, Liturgist

L: Praise the Lord.

C: **How good it is to sing praises to our God.**

L: The Lord builds up Jerusalem,  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

C: **He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.**

L: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

C: **The Lord delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.** (Psalm 147)

#### \* SONG OF PRAISE

#144

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us join together in prayer.

**O Lord, we praise your Holy Name. Though we may  
wander from your presence, we never leave your sight.  
You restore those who put their hope and trust in you.  
Show yourself real to those who need you; bind up their**

**wounds and give them comfort and peace. Be merciful  
and gracious to us all. You alone are God, we will  
praise your Holy Name. Amen.**

#### FIRST READING

John 1:1-18 NIV;  
NIV Pew Bible Page 1645

**PREPARATION FOR GOD'S WORD** Candi Girt-Stojkov  
*"Bethlehem Morning"*

*The children depart for Sonshine Hour.*

**SECOND READING** Galatians 3:22-25; 4:4-7 NIV;  
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#### SERMON

"He's my Dad"

#### \* SONG OF PRESENTATION

#408

*"Come, Share the Lord"*

### THE LORD'S SUPPER AND \*OFFERING

Words of Institution and the Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

**Christ Has Died**

**Christ Is Risen**

**Christ Will Come Again**

**Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### \* DOXOLOGY

#46

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#### \* SONG FOR SENDING

#167

*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

\*All who are able may stand.

Candi Girt-Stojkov, Musician; Heather Trowbridge, Choir Director  
Dominic Aliesch, Samuel Nowak - Acolytes

## THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Tuesday: Happy New Year! - Office Closed

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. L.O.A.F. Meeting  
@ Cortland Christian Church

Next 9:30 a.m. Worship Early

Sunday: 11:15 a.m. Worship Afresh  
6-7:30 p.m. Youth Group

### FOR OUR CHILDREN

Our infant nursery is available during our worship service. The nursery is located down the main hallway on the left-hand side, 5<sup>th</sup> door down. Our Nursery Supervisor is Megan Cross. Pagers are available.

Children's activity packets are available for use during worship. These packets are on the table in the hallway at the back of the sanctuary.

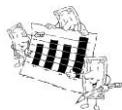
Children are invited to depart for Sonshine Hour following the Preparation for God's Word.

#### **In case of emergencies:**

**Fire Alarm:** Calmly and quickly evacuate the building. Reassemble at the flagpole. Do not block the fire lanes. All doors in the sanctuary lead to outside exits.

**Tornado Warning:** Calmly and quickly exit through the rear doors and assemble in the hallway of the Educational Wing/Child Care area. Stay away from all doors and windows.

**Gunshots or Threats:** Duck down between the pews to shield yourself and allow the Security Team to handle the situation.



### **Stewardship Corner**

Weekly Budgeted amount needed = \$5,348.00  
Amount Received on December 23, 2018: \$4,727.50



When the  
fullness of  
time had come,  
God sent his son,  
born of a woman.

Galatians 4:4

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## FIRST READING

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- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>a</sup> it.
- 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
- 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
- 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
- 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
- 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
- 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ")

16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and<sup>b</sup> is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**22** But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

**23** Before the coming of this faith,<sup>a</sup> we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.

**24** So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

**25** Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

**4** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,  
**5** to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.<sup>a</sup>

**6** Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba,<sup>b</sup> Father.”

**7** So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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We are going to recycle five Christmas trees. The Worship Committee has purchased five new trees for the next Advent season. Please leave your name with Sara Glee or Jean Elmore if you are interested in a tree. You would need to be at the church when we are taking down the greens. We will be keeping the lights and the trees will be given away at that time.

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