

THE LORD'S DAY

December 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude	David Schmidt
Piano	Wendy Baldwin

Hymn 815 Doxology

Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 131 (opposite page)

Choir Anthem Breath of Heaven

Announcements

Carol Favorites

Pastoral Prayer

Message With Christ, Blessing Eclipse Our Burdens
 Luke 1:1-17 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption. Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 11:24-25; Col. 3:16

Psalm 131 Simple Trust in the LORD

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

¹LORD, my heart is not haughty,

Nor my eyes lofty.

Neither do I concern myself with great matters,

Nor with things too profound for me.

² Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with his mother;

Like a weaned child *is* my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD

From this time forth and forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday 10 AM – Alzheimer's Support Group on Zoom

Wednesday 10 AM - Men's Bible Fellowship

Thursday 6:30-7:45 PM - Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday Morning and Christmas Eve
Combined Service 10:15 AM**

LOOKING AHEAD

December 30 – Men's Breakfast

January 20 – Ladies' Afternoon at the Movies 2 PM

Please remember to silence your cell phones to help maintain
an attitude of worship without distraction.

MISSIONARY CORNER

Each week we focus on Missionaries and Organizations
we support as a local church.

Bob and Carmen Morrison began as a couple of tourists in Mexico City in 2015, burdened with a passion to care for the spiritual and mental health needs of the urban poor. Living and working side-by-side with local church members, pastors, and ministries enabled them to pilot Biblically sound, proven care processes taught through experiential learning methods in small groups. In the second year of their ministry, they started training lay counselors to provide additional care, with the dream that one day local churches would be equipped with both a "mental health tool kit" of small group programs and a cluster of skilled lay counselors for deeper work. Developing these two essential programs became the core of their ministry. Today, Reclaim Life equips lay people in slum communities to lead small groups that heal people broken by addictions, trauma, and domestic violence, within churches committed to be healing centers in their communities.