THE LORD'S DAY

December 31, 2023 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Piano

David Schmidt Wendy Baldwin

Hymn 10 Majesty

Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 132 (opposite page)

Announcements

Hymn 284 Birthday of a King

Hymn 265 The First Noel

Pastoral Prayer

Message

A Godly Upbringing

Luke 2: 7-52

Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

O. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel. Eph. 2:8-9; cf. Rom. 4:16, John 20:30-31; Gal. 2:15-16; Phil. 3:3-11

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday 10 AM - Men's Bible Fellowship Wednesday 6:30 PM - Prayer and Bible Study Thursday 8:15 AM - Precept Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

January 20 – Ladies Movie 2 PM January 27 – Men's Breakfast 9-10 AM

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

Psalm 132 The Eternal Dwelling of God in Zion

A Song of Ascents.

¹LORD, remember David and all his afflictions;

² How he swore to the LORD,

And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

³ "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house,

Or go up to the comfort of my bed;

⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes *or* slumber to my eyelids,

⁵ Until I find a place for the LORD,

A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;

We found it in the fields of the woods.

⁷Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

⁸ Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place,

You and the ark of Your strength.

⁹Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,

And let Your saints shout for joy.

¹⁰ For Your servant David's sake,

Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

¹¹ The LORD has sworn *in* truth to David; He will not turn from it:

"I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

¹² If your sons will keep My covenant

And My testimony which I shall teach them,

Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

¹³ For the LORD has chosen Zion;

He has desired *it* for His dwelling place:

¹⁴ "This is My resting place forever;

Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provision;

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation,

And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

¹⁷ There I will make the horn of David grow;

I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,

But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

MISSIONARY CORNER

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

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