

First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2025 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude
Announcements
Welcome

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

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The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

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The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 2.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 2:13-23

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Response to Gospel

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pr Wade Crevier

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song.*

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

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Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thanks you for your financial support of our ministry.

Presentation of Gifts

"What Child Is This" vs. 1

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What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Offering Prayer

God of glory,

great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words of Promise

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . .

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

Communion *All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.*

Communion Hymns

"The Bells of Christmas"

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"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

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"What Feast of Love"

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Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . .through Christ born in us.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Aiden Hill—Livestream

Terry & Loretta Williams—Ushers/Greeters

Christi Morelock—Reader

Robin Hoefer — Pianist

Wade Crevier — Pastor

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

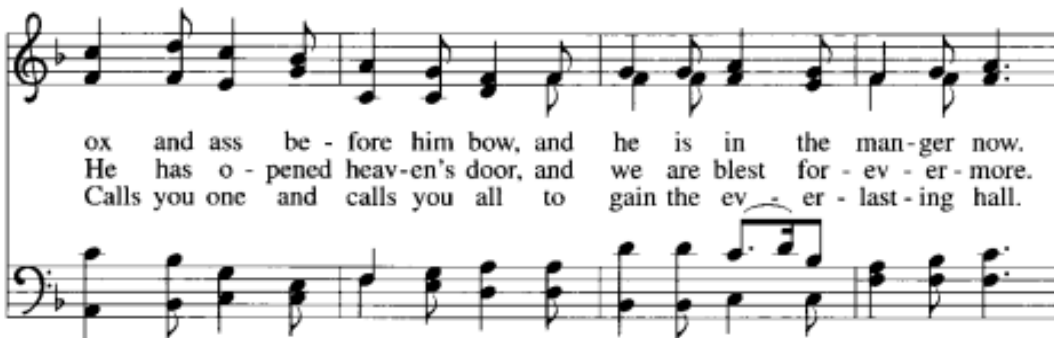
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1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

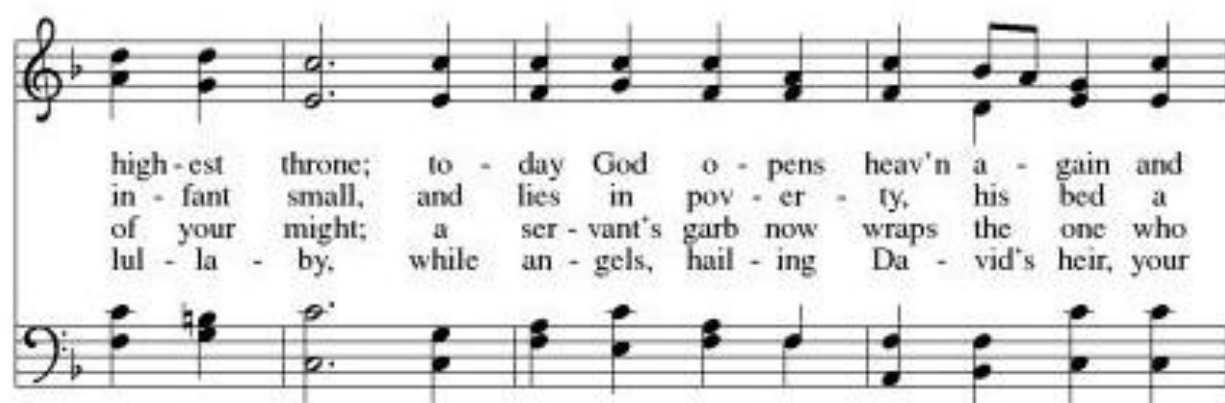
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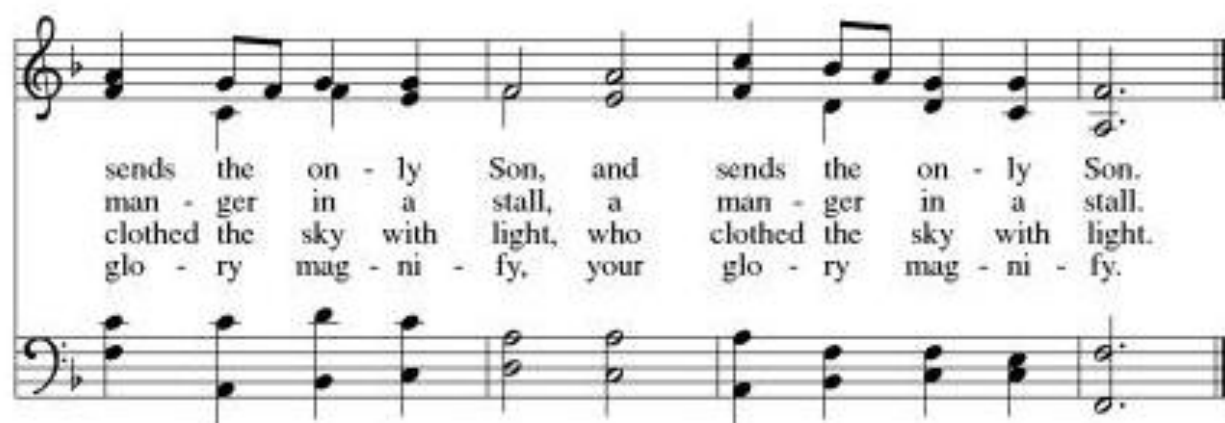
Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
 glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:
 you take our flesh and blood,
 and in return give us to share
 the shining realm of God,
 the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today
 that leads to paradise;
 the angel bars the way no more,
 To God let praises rise,
 to God let praises rise!

Text: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561; tr. hymnal version
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman
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The Bells of Christmas

Det kimer nu til julefest



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer

1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



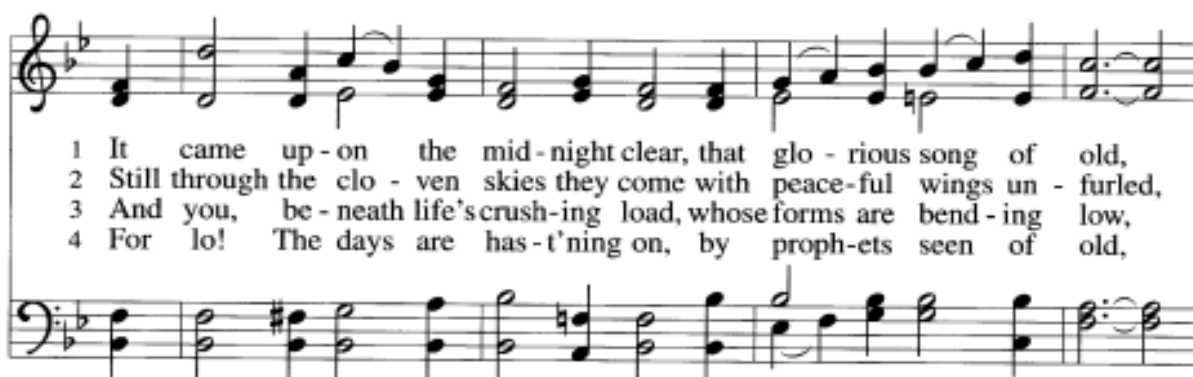
hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:

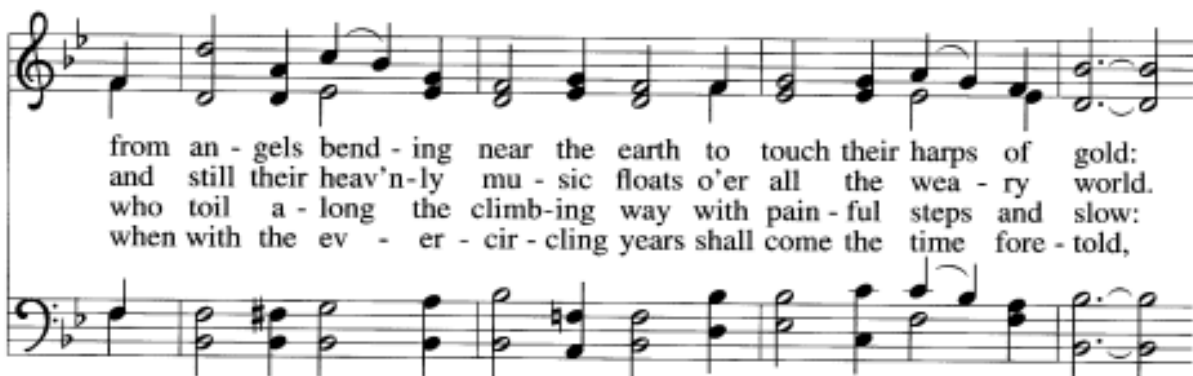
6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
 and keep your Christmas in our breast;
 then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
 shall swell our jubilee of song.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

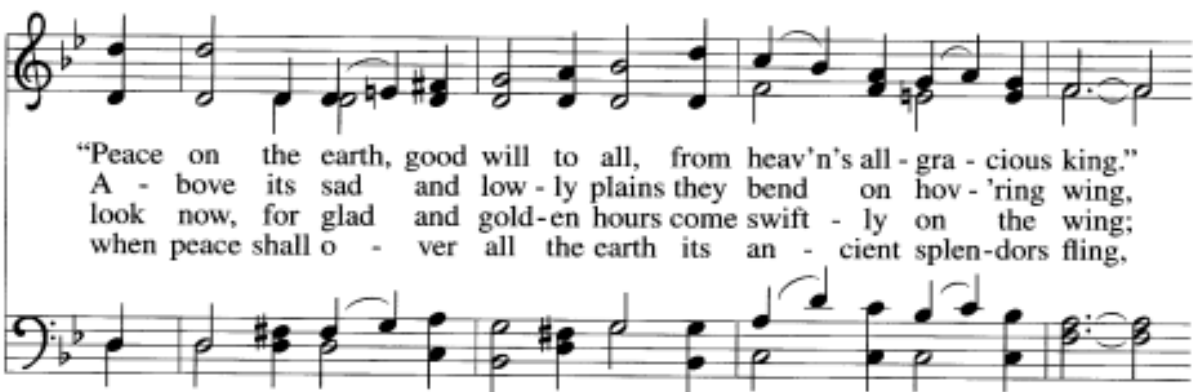
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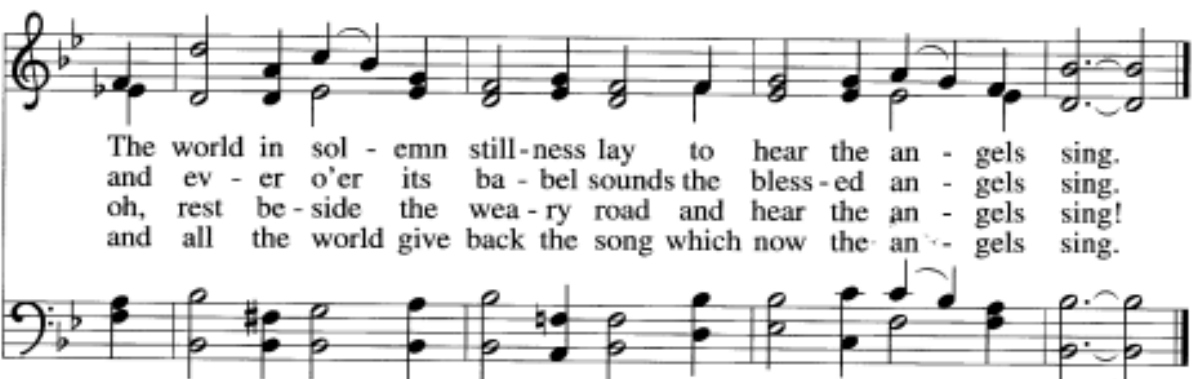
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,




"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,




The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

What Feast of Love




1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: African American spiritual

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Announcements for December 28, 2025

Welcome! We are happy you are here today!

- **Families:** It is our hope that you will find a comfortable way to worship at JP. There are activity bags in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. There is also a large pew area, "Prayground", on the righthand side of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit, that is available for families to use.
- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Visitors:** Sign the **Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill), Dean Erickson (Brett's dad), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's Sister), Barb Grenawalt, David Hagemann, Lois Keller, Leandra Miller (Ginny's friend), Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane), Emma Schutt (Rose's niece), Don Seeger, Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy, Susan (Svenson) Witte. **Please contact the office with any changes in requests.**

Donations of hats and mittens may be placed on the tree outside the offices through January 4th. New and CLEAN, like-new used items may be donated. Last year donations went to the Clinton Elementary School.

Congregational Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25th following worship. If needed, reschedule date will be February 1st.

Donations must be received TODAY, December 28th to be included as 2025 Giving.

Giving Envelopes are in the connecting room hallway. If you give electronically, you do not need an envelope. Please let Julia Pearson know if you need envelopes.

Movie Night: The Lutefisk Wars is scheduled for January 14th @ 6:00pm. Invite a friend and come watch in Fellowship Hall. Please see Ginny if you have access to a Theatre Style popcorn machine that we may use for the event.

Neighborhood Dinner is Wednesday, January 21st 5:30pm-6:30pm. Italian Beef Sandwiches are on the menu. Sign-up on the Connecting Room Board.

Parsonage Update: Council discussed and decided that a Planning Team, made up of members of Jefferson Prairie, would be most appropriate for mapping out the future of the parsonage. Are you interested in gathering ideas and information? Do you have suggestions? Contact Terry Pearson to sign-up for the Parsonage Planning.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

Please contact the church office 815-292-3226, prior to driving to the building if you have business to do there. During the holidays and with winter weather, there is a chance we could be delayed or working from home.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 28	9:30 am	Worship Fellowship
Wednesday, December 31		New Year's Eve-Office Closed
Thursday, January 1		New Year's Day-Office Closed
Sunday, January 4	9:30 am	Prairie Light Available Worship Fellowship Youth Activity