



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now a resident at Seal Rock Health Care in Saco; thank you for your prayers
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - the court decision regarding their foster child Uriah was that he be returned to his parents; not the outcome we were hoping for; thanks for all the prayers
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - making sure & steady progress as he recovers from surgery and regains his strength; many thanks & much praise to God for this good progress; please keep praying for continued healing and a complete recovery
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; your prayers are appreciated
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Gary Roeder (preacher/missionary) - recently had spinal fusion surgery, and then had to have 3 stents placed to repair artery blockage in his heart; in recovery and doing well so far
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis and arthritis pain, with ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul's cousin) - stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - has pancreatic cancer
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

**Merry
Christmas!**



Christmas was declared a national holiday in 1870 by President Ulysses S. Grant. Throughout the history of our great nation, a fundamental message of the Christmas holiday has been giving to others. Traditionally, this idea was based on the wise men giving their gifts to baby Jesus and, of course, our loving God giving mankind the gift of his Son to pay for man's redemption (Matthew 1:21; 2 Corinthians 9:15).

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. While we certainly cannot flatter the Almighty, we can and should honor him. Since He is the Blessed Giver (Matthew 5:42-48; James 1:17), who "gives generously to all" (James 1:5), one of the best ways we can honor God is to imitate Him in this respect. As the Scripture says: *"Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us...."* (Ephesians 5:1-2).

As we enjoy the many American traditions of this holiday season, let's be sure to remember the words of our Savior Jesus who said: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). When we give with a good attitude and a generous spirit (2 Corinthians 9:7), *"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work!"* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

May God's richest blessings be yours in abundance—now, and throughout the coming year! (Eph 1:3). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍

**"Sirs, what must I do
to be saved?"**

- Acts 16:30 -



Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

The Spirit of Giving

The Apostle Paul teaches that we are to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). King David, in 2 Samuel 24:24, affirmed that he would not offer to the Lord that which had cost him nothing. I wonder, are we guilty of this? Are we, as "living sacrifices," offering to God that which requires no sacrifice and really doesn't cost us anything? During this holiday season with its admirable emphasis on giving, let us be re-minded that each day of the year we are to give God our best—a sacrifice that costs us something—a gift that's worth giving. After all, God gave His best for us: Jesus Christ our Savior—the greatest gift of all! 📖

😊 Welcome Visitors 😊

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart. Have a great week! ☺





December 28th - Catherine Cuvellier

*"Peace to you. Our friends greet you.
Greet the friends by name."* — 3 John 1:14

It's that time of year again when holiday greetings arrive in the mail and are shared by just about everybody—everywhere we go. We see greetings extended on marquees and billboards, in front yards, and in all kinds of businesses. These few weeks are the "greetingest" time of the year. Unless you are a "Grinch" or a "Scrooge" (a grumpy person who is mean-spirited and unfriendly), you just have to love this time of the year. Christians should never be like a Grinch or a Scrooge ... no matter what time of year it may be. In fact, Christians should be the "greetingest" people on earth all year long! ☺

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 9,167

This Month: 27,809



SNACKS!

Dec 19: Jan

Dec 26: Betty

*Attendance & Contribution
for December 12, 2021*

Attendance — 22

Contribution — \$612.

Order of Worship

December 19, 2021

*"But the hour cometh, and now is, when
the true worshippers shall worship the
Father in spirit and in truth: for the
Father seeketh such to worship Him.*

*God is a Spirit: and they that
worship Him must worship Him
in spirit and in truth."*

- John 4:23-24 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—120

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—195

Scripture Reading: *Jason Kennedy*
~ Luke 2:6-14~

Song—208

The Lord's Supper:
Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Song—204

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
The "Foolishness" of Christ's Birth

Song—197

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.  
- 1 John 4:19 -*

## December 19, 2021

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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