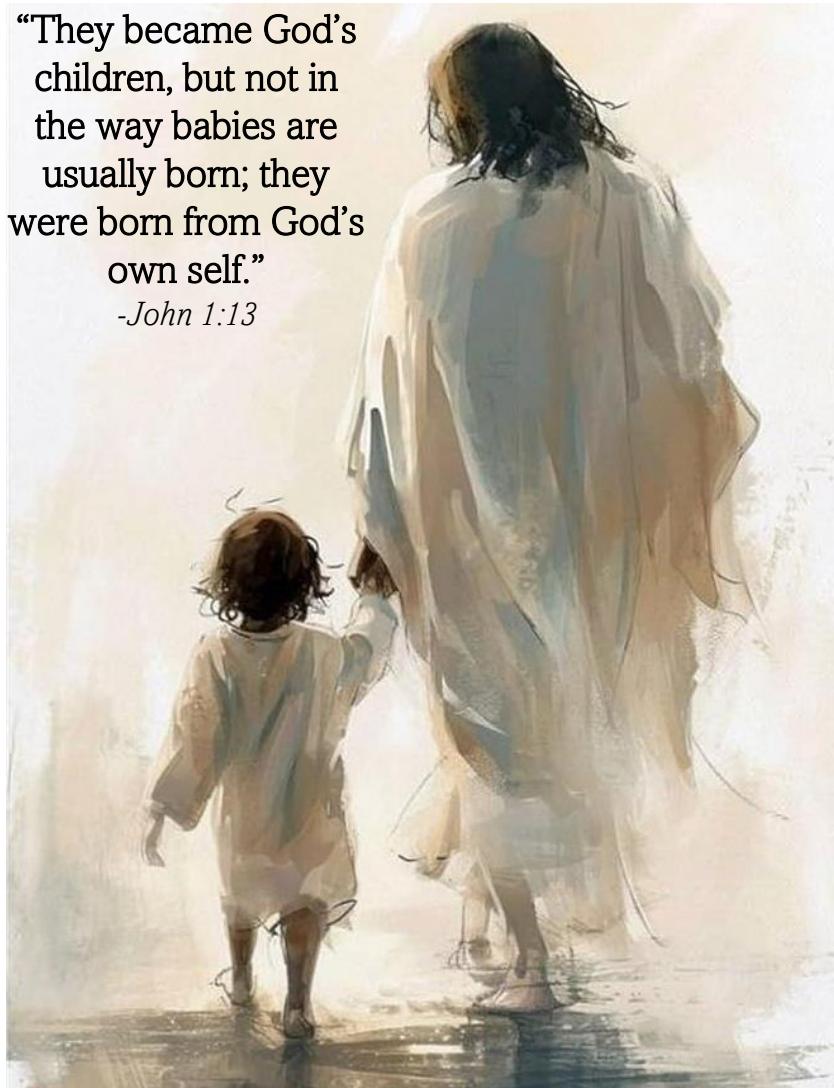


Sunday, December 28th, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

“They became God’s children, but not in the way babies are usually born; they were born from God’s own self.”

-John 1:13



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L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit

UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The Faith We Sing

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

WORDS OF WELCOME
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS



†*HYMNS OF PRAISE: *Good Christian Friends*
There's a Song in the Air

UMH 224
UMH 249

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

SCRIPTURE † Psalm 100 (sung) / John 1:6-18 ("My Life Is In You")

THE MESSAGE: **GOD MOVES INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†*HYMNS OF RESPONSE: *Ding, Dong, Merrily on High*
Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella / I Saw Three Ships

BLESSING OUR NEWBORN SAINTS

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE & A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, ending with †The Prayer of Jesus

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *Auld Lang Syne* screen

*A BLESSING & GOING FORTH

†*A MUSICAL BLESSING: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

(You may also give online at peumc.org/donate or use the QR Code in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Please pray for these members & friends throughout December:

Ashley Miller / Phil Oliver / Natalee Haddow / Mark Lokken / Kari LaBarge / Dennis & LuAnn Slattery / Carson Parks / Nancy Hansen / Revs. Caleb & Doug

Our Homebound: Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Kathleen

Our Children: Addisyn; Brynlee; Eliza; Ella; Gabriel; Gabrielle; Gracie; Sawyer; Symphony

Our Infirmied At Home: Joann & Peter K.; Maribeth L-S.

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 11/23: Prayers for **those in Bangladesh** where an earthquake has claimed at least 10 lives (Audrey)

From 11/30: Prayers for the family of **Damon Klinger's mother** (not Donna's mother as mentioned) (Lucy). Prayers for my friend, **Beth**, who had shoulder replacement surgery and lost her mother all on the same day (Lori H.) **JOY:** the piles of boots, wet mittens, gloves and socks, as well as jackets and stocking caps on the floor by the back door (Sue M.)

From 12/7: Prayer for the **family of John Potter**, who passed away recently (Mike H.); prayers **Kathy Mc.'s sister, Donna**, and her **mother, Donna K.**, who have both been very sick lately (Kathy Mc.)

From 12/14: Prayers for **my dad, Dennis**, who suffered a stroke a couple weeks back, he's doing well but prayers would be appreciated (Mat F.); prayers for **Rachel L.'s mother** who is in last stages of bone/lung cancer and her family during this most difficult time (Chuck L.); prayers for **Maribeth L-S.**, who underwent the Watchman procedure and is back at home, recuperating (Pastor).

From 12/21: Prayers for **my brother-in-law, Bill**, who had a liver transplant and is having problems (Rose).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (12/29): 2 Kings 1:7-8

Tuesday (12/30): Malachi 4:5-6

Wednesday (12/31): Luke 3:1-18

Thursday (1/1): Matthew 3:13-17

Friday (1/2): Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday (1/3): Matthew 4:12-17

Sunday (1/4): John 1:19-34

January Mission Project:

Fund the purchase of wooden crosses & hearts
for Riverview Hospital waiting rooms.

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

- **Prayer theme:** Pray for the indigenous people being targeted by ICE.
Pray for all who are lonely or neglected this season.
- **Consider:** What does it mean to you that God chose to come close – real, human, incarnate? Where do you see God ‘living’ in your neighborhood or community?
- **Action:** Reach out to someone who does not have family close by.

Sunday Services – 10a

TODAY - December 28th

Script.: John 1, *John Tells About the Light*
First Sunday of Christmas
Newborn Saints Sunday

January 11th

Scripture: John 1, *Jesus & His Disciples*
WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE
PACKING OF THE GREENS
& Packers -n- Potatoes,
after the service

January 4th

Scripture: John 1, *The Lamb of God*
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 18th

Scripture: John 2, *Wedding & Temple*

Looking Ahead

YEAR-END GIVING

Last day for 2025 electronic/online giving was last Friday.
Last day for 2025 non-electronic offerings: **THIS TUESDAY (12/30)**
Financial Secretary, *wherever authorized*,
will adjust online giving amounts at that time. **Please let Bill P. know!**

Winter Weather Policy

Office is closed on days that the P.E. school district has a snow day.
No in-person worship whenever wind-chill reaches -40,
taking into consideration road conditions and visibility.
Whenever possible, the service will still be live-streamed on YouTube.

January Mission Project:

You may have seen, in other hospital waiting rooms, baskets of knitted crosses, squares, or other items. These are to be taken by patients' friends & families as comforting items. We'd like to stock the various waiting rooms at Riverview Hospital in Rapids with wooden crosses & hearts (which we will paint and decorate later) on behalf of *“your friends at Port Edwards United Methodist Church.”*