

This Week's Announcements

The Care Ministry person of the week is
Cathy Janke

Please call the church office for her address
to support her with your prayers and cards.

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of
Pastor John's birthday on December 19.

50th Annual Carols Around the Table

Sunday, December 12 at 6:30pm

Carols Around the Table will return this year, with some adaptations!
As singing together around the tables will not be possible, we will gather
in the Sanctuary to hear holiday music by soloists and small ensembles.
Following the program, we will return to the Gathering Area
for our traditional refreshments.
Please plan to join the festivities!

Library Book of the Week

The Women of Christmas by Liz Curtis Higgs

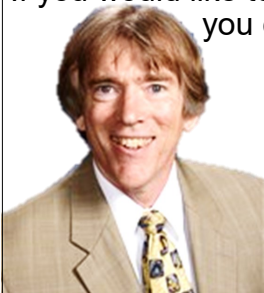
A sacred season is about to unfold for three women whose hearts
belong to God. Elizabeth is barren, yet her trust in God remains fertile.
Mary is betrothed in marriage, yet she is willing to bear God's Son.
Anna is a widow full of years, yet she waits patiently, prayerfully for
the Messiah to appear in the temple courts.



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electronic giving option.

To contact the Pastor

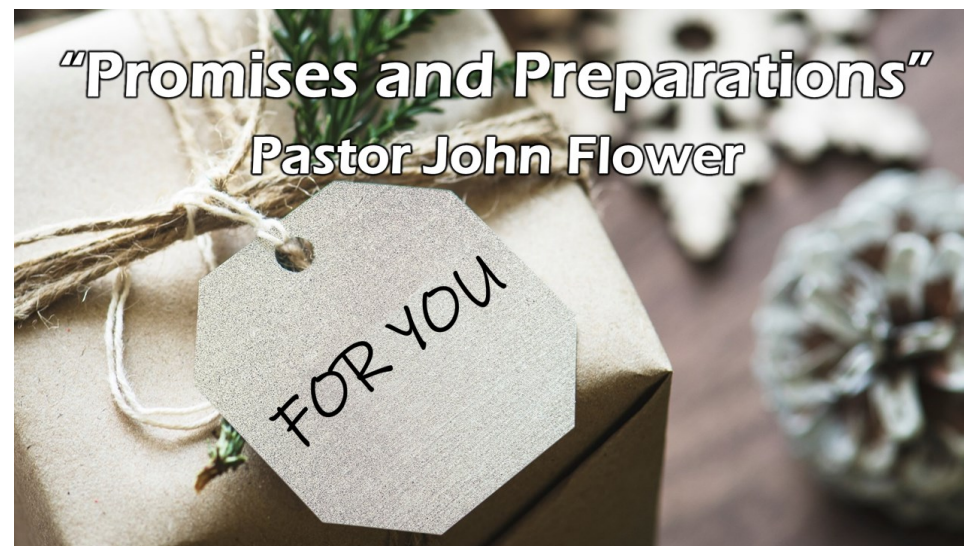
If you would like to talk or meet with Pastor John Flower,
you can contact him through any of these ways:



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You may also contact Pastor John
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or you can find more information on our
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A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:30am Online Streaming Service

THE PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Bock

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT READING and CANDLE LIGHTING

MUSICAL ADVENT RESPONSE

“Love’s Pure Light” Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord, sometimes I hear only the good things I *want* to hear, and then it is hard to understand life’s disappointments. Sometimes I hear only negatives, and then it is hard to believe that anything good may come. Help me, Lord, to hear and to see spiritual prophecy, buds on the branch, waiting to be fulfilled. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:2-6 (NIV)

READYING OURSELVES for PRAYER

Luke 3:8-10 (NIV)

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

MUSICAL PRAYER MEDITATION

“Emmanuel”

SHARING our JOYS and CONCERNS BEFORE GOD

PASTORAL and LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

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.
Amen.

INVITATION to SHARE HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Christmas Grace” Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

AN OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NIV)

THE MESSAGE

“Promises and Preparations”
Pastor John Flower

MESSAGE in MUSIC

“In the Bleak Midwinter” Chancel Choir

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE and GOING FORTH to SERVE

“We Three Kings” Bells