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Isaiah 7:14

John 1:1 & 14

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Romans 3:23-24

1Peter 2:24

OPENING SONG:

O Come All Ye Faithful

INVOCATION:

Confessing and Being Assured

CAROLS AND CHRIST:

What Child Is This, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-7, 2:8-14, 2:15-20, Matthew 1:18-25

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Ephesians 6:18

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Matthew 6:9-13

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Matthew 26:26-28

THE BLESSING:

CLOSING SONG:

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Merry Christmas from Praise & Worship! Welcome as we celebrate the birth of our Lord - we are blessed to have you worshipping with us!

Today's Sermon: "The CHRISTmas Message - This Is the Season, This Is the Reason!"

Next Sunday's Sermon: "The Way to Victory in 2024!"

Thank you to those who purchased the Poinsettias that are beautifully wrapping our church for Christmas: Jackie Welander in memory of Ted and Doris Witte; Mike and Polly Linneman in memory of those church members who have passed this year; Gary and Mickey Dorland in memory of Ray Fulsom; David Swalby, Scott and Sharon Grafelman in memory of Betty, Howard and Joyce; and Lisa Crosby in memory of Eleanor and Detra. Please remember to take your Poinsettias home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

Save the Date:

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, January 21, 2024 - We will have our first Family meeting of the new year.

This is an important meeting as we:

- o Elect our Leadership Team members to fill the vacant positions
- o Review 2023 financials
- o Receive an update from the Call Committee on the progress of the call process
- o Compete
- o Fellowship / laugh / eat together
- o Wait a second! Does that say "**Compete**"? You bet it does! After the business portion of our meeting, we will have lunch - but not just any lunch! This lunch will be provided by YOU!! This is your chance to show off those culinary skills! Join us for some healthy, good natured competition in our annual Chili/Soup cook off!! Bring a chili and/or soup to share with the congregation! We'll have some "serious, yet friendly" competition!! So, dust off those recipes and sharpen your cooking skills!! Stay tuned for details.....

Christian “Dad” Joke: What did Adam say when his wife asked him to name his favorite holiday? It’s Christmas, Eve!

Financial Update: These numbers include both Praise & Worship and resTore, our church plant in Hollister. To partner with us in ministry, utilize the giving box by the door leaving the sanctuary, or the “support us” tab at www.branson.church

Praise & Worship:

Dec Budgeted Giving: \$20,065

Dec Giving to date: \$9,801

YTD Budgeted Giving: \$238,389

YTD Giving: \$187,740

resTore:

Dec Budgeted Giving: \$3,137

Dec Giving to date: \$5,949

YTD Budgeted Giving: \$37,644

YTD Giving: \$66,691

Praise & Worship’s Ten Core Values!

1. Unconditionally WELCOMING everyone as Jesus did!
2. Creating a HEALING environment, as Jesus did!
3. RECOGNIZING that ALL people are made in the image of God and EACH is uniquely beautiful.
4. RECEIVING the forgiveness offered by Jesus because we are broken.
5. LOVING one another because He first loved us!
6. TRUSTING His promises and seeking to follow Him in every aspect of our lives!
7. MAKING disciples by baptizing and teaching in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
8. PRAYING in the Spirit on ALL occasions and with ALL kinds of requests!
9. RELYING on the Bible; His Word preserved for us; living, powerful and most certainly true!
10. Regularly PARTICIPATING in the Lord’s Supper by faith in His words!

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