

Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons

Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist

Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

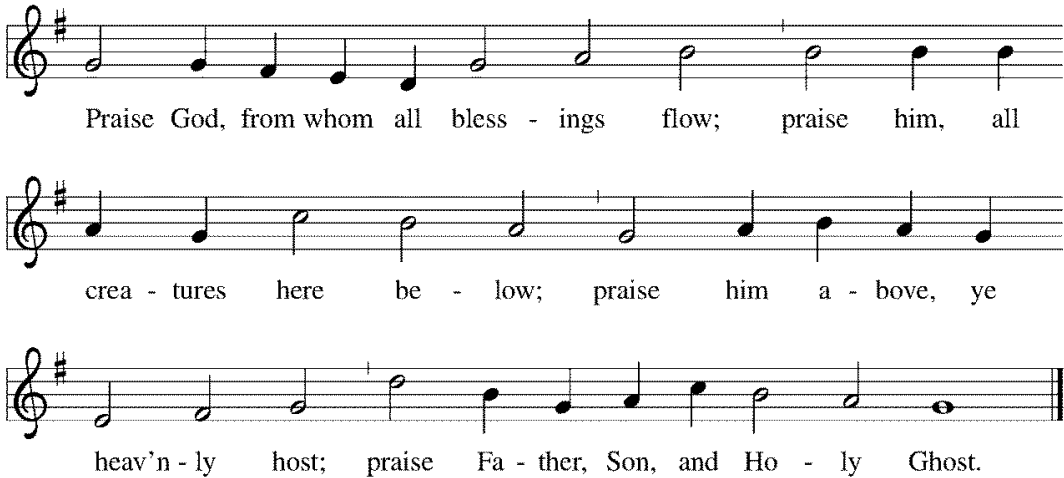
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doxology #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:
“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”
God’s mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.
Amen.

HYMN**“God, Whose Almighty Word”****ELW 673**

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE


Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.




1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

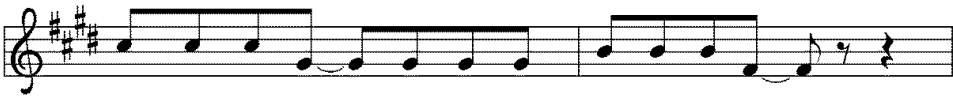
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is The Feast"

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Amen.

PSALM: PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

EPISTLE READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord

of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Text © 1985 The Church Pension Fund, admin. Church Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the

dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

*...Merciful God,
receive our prayer.*

*At the conclusion of the prayers,
Amen.*

MEAL

An offering is gathered and the table is set. Appropriate music may also be offered. As the gifts are brought forward, the assembly stands for the prayer by the assisting deacon.

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"Go Tell It on The Mountain" – Early Morning Singers [8:30]

"Gentle Jesus – Chancel Choir [11:00]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

DIALOG

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.

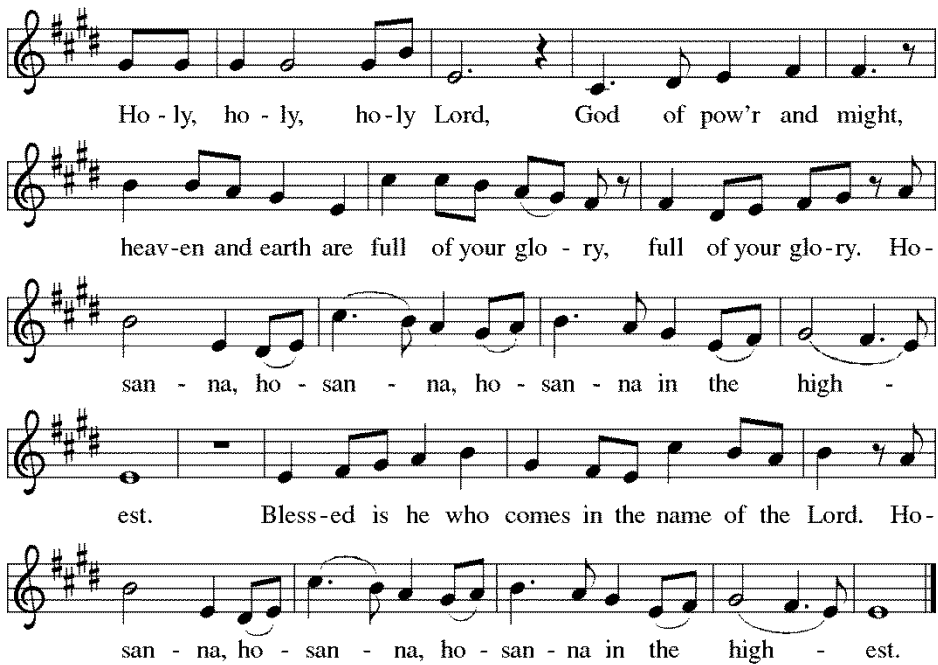
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved
Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed
your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

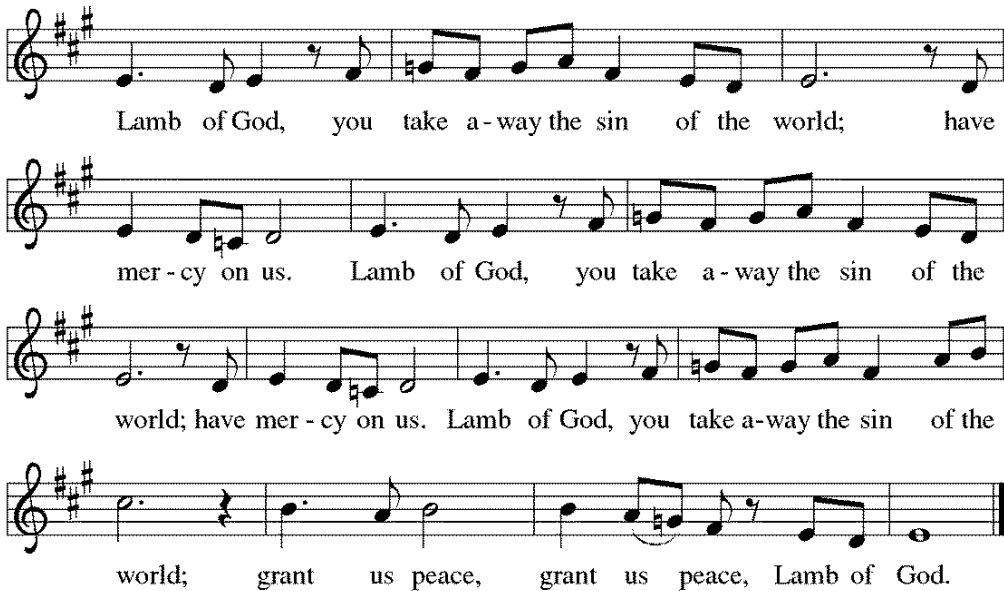
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW 487 What Feast of Love

ELW 754 Jesus, The Very Thought of You

ELW 737 He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW 661 I Love to Tell the Story

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

HYMN

ELW 310

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - them's be to thee ad - dressed,
an - them's be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - them's be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news and have fun doing it!

Thanks be to God.

WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING LOOP Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" during worship. *Additional hearing devices are available from the Media Center.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Bob Bonomo and Rick Mainster,
Lectors: Pat Mainster and Sharon Maxwell
Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of /God.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

"Go Tell It on The Mountain" - EMS [8:30]
"Gentle Jesus" - Chancel Choir [11:00]

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Karen Benefiel, Steve Rhee, Roberta Hall, Janet Burfeindt, Lynn Bechdolt, Karis Geisteld, Bruce & Lyndsey Wilson, June Dreger-Parsons, Denise Costa, Michael Koch, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Dave Boerger, Rita Skillen, Karl Hertel, Heidi Rothmeyer, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Brian Brockschmidt, Carol McClune, Nancy O'Malley, Josie Ferrell, Judy Harper, Sarah and Harry Robertson, Tim Nine, Shona Donegan, Donna & Craig Simpson, Paul Bradford, Daryl Hickman, Gloria Peterson, Christopher Hulbert, Donna Schwarz, Elaine Campoli, Eloise Fidell, Jean Burns, Muriel Bochnak, Bill Scott, Kathy Bernard, Anthony Corsino, Sandy Lapointe, Lori Pollard, Daniel, Ally Coraggio, Erin LaRoque, Madison Wolfe, Anastasia Peterson,

Attendance last Sunday

Total: In-Person, 117, Facebook Live -17 & You Tube: -19 Total: 153 **General Offering:** \$ 9,577.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

8:30–11:00 a.m. – Worship

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. – Bible Study

TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. - Bells

6:30 p.m. - Scouts

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - SOS

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time

1:00 p.m.– WELCA Bible Study

1:00 p.m. –Newcomers Club

6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. – SOS

3:00 p.m. – Council

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. – Workday on Grounds

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. – WELCA Event with Deacon Rick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO ALL – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

THE 2023 WELCA SATURDAY EVENT SERIES begins on January 14th, when Deacon Rick will be talking about his calling and his seminary experience. All church members and their guests are invited to attend. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM on January 14th for this informative conversation. Sign-up sheets are in the clipboard rack in the Narthex. For questions about this event, contact Shelly Fortin.

TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING:

'Go Tell It on The Mountain' – Early Morning Singers [8:30]

"Gentle Jesus" 'Chancel Choir [11:00]

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch will meet tomorrow. Please see Pastor Koch for more information.

PRAYER TIME each Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Join us as we gather to pray for family, friends, loved ones and other requests.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with coffee/tea sales after each service once a month. Training provided. Sign-up

sheets are in the clipboard rack in the Narthex. For questions, please contact Anne Storan.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES -The company supplying our yearly giving envelopes is not prepared to deliver at this time. There are plain white envelopes available in the Narthex to put your offering in; please write your name on the outside and your # if you know it. If you'd like to designate where monies go other than GENERAL, please do so either on the outside or by a note on the inside.

2022 END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available shortly. If you require a copy for your records, e-mail your request to me, Cheryl Cox, financial-secretary@gslchernando.org, call the church office or feel free to leave a detailed message on my phone (617) 755-8439. I am in the office on Wednesdays. Your statement can be emailed, picked up at church, or mailed for your convenience.

WELCA SATURDAY EVENT Mark your calendar to attend ***Conversations with Deacon Rick*** Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. He will be sharing his ministry calling and seminary experience. All are welcome.

2023 PRAYER CALENDAR - If you signed up to pray for Pastor Koch and his family during 2023 but are not sure of the date, please check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall monthly to find your name and date.