

We Welcome You To

SPICELAND FRIENDS CHURCH

December 31, 2023

As a child, Jesus “grew and became strong, filled with wisdom” (Luke 2:40). In the new year may I, too, grow and become stronger in faith, filled with the wisdom that comes from God.

PRELUDE Tim Wilkinson, Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP #219

“Surely the Presence”
Janet Putnam, Song Leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eric Bowman

* HYMN OF PRAISE #266

“That Beautiful Name”

* INVOCATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN’S STORY Amanda Judge

There will be no Junior Church today. Junior High will meet every other Sunday. Preschool-K will meet with Diana Bowman downstairs. Nursery is available for parents with babies or toddlers.

* SONG OF CELEBRATION #295

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER David Brock

SCRIPTURE Ron Reece
Matthew 19:13-15; 21:12-13; Luke 4:40 (NLT)

MESSAGE Nancy Wadman
“Jesus’s Hands”

COMMUNION AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

“Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. Don’t worry about making a good impression on them, but be ready to suffer quietly and patiently.”

Colossians 3:12 (TLB)

* SONG OF DEDICATION #501

“Now I Belong to Jesus”

* BENEDICTION Nancy Wadman

* POSTLUDE #704

“God Will Make a Way”

* All who are able may stand

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY – WALKING GROUP – 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY – BIBLE STUDY – 11:00 a.m. We will be studying a new book called *Resilient – Restoring Your Weary Soul in These Turbulent Times* by James Eldredge.

THURSDAY – CROCHET GROUP – 4:00 p.m.

COMING UP – DEADLINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER – Monday, Jan. 8, at 9:00 a.m.

MINISTRY & OVERSIGHT MEETING – Mon., Jan. 8, 6:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a **Prayer Concern** that you would like to share, please fill out, sign, and date a green card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You may pick up a sheet listing Prayer Concerns in the Welcome Center or at the west door.

The January/February *Upper Room* devotional is available in both regular and large print in the Welcome Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Continued)

Church Directory – We will soon be working on the 2024 Church Directory. If you have any changes or additions, please turn that information in to the church office.

199 Years and Counting – “There is a charm about the quiet, tree-lined streets of Spiceland that suggests a college town during a long vacation. It is an old town with pride in a long history of culture, of a fine school and of art. The Spiceland Academy was founded by Friends as a school in a log cabin with the poor equipment of a pioneer town but also with the Quaker desire for all to have a chance for education. By the 1860s the crude school had grown to the Academy, recognized as among the best schools in Indiana with as good of teachers as were in most of the colleges.” – **Helen Magner**, Circa 1947

Food Donations – During these winter months, be extra mindful of those who need assistance. Continue to bring non-perishable food items which will be given to either Heaven’s Bread Basket which serves the South Henry School District or the Titan Children’s Fund which serves needy students at Tri Elementary School. A collection box is in the Welcome Center.



Guest House – Desserts are needed for the Guest House men’s shelter in New Castle. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

Life Lifter to Share: “Jesus touched the untouchables of the world. Will you do the same?” – **Max Lucado**.



Happy Birthday to: Josh Pew, Dec.31; Bruce Carmichael, Carol Fox, Jan. 4; Dee Carr, Randy Coffman, Jan. 6; Susan Stamper, Jan. 7.

Greeters: Steve and Judy Stevens

Ministry Coordinator: Nancy Wadman

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Knotts



Spiceland Friends

Happy New Year



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Morning Worship – 10:30 A.M.

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