

The Ministry of Healing

In His ministry, Jesus performed many different acts of healing: forgiving sins, casting out demons, curing physical disease. At His command, His disciples continued a ministry of healing, which included the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

He called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'As you go, preach this message: 'the Kingdom of Heaven is near.' (Matthew 10:1, 5, 7)

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. (Mark 6:12-13)

The church has continued these practices as a part of its ministry in Christ's name.

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:14-16)

Laying on of hands and anointing the sick are associated with intercession and the gifts of God's Spirit. They express the Church's earnest intercession for those in need of healing. When this ministry is exercised by the Church, care must be taken not to suggest that physical healing must follow its use, nor that those who do not experience physical healing have not found favor with God. The service is not meant to burden consciences, but to expand our understanding of God's goodness, care and concern.



Worship Services

Saturday, December 23
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24
3:00, 4:30, 6:00, and 10:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to praise the Prince of Peace with us here at Nazareth for Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we pray that you will find the hope, joy and peace that can only be found in him.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

A Service of Comfort, Hope and Healing

December 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Tolling of the Bell

Silence

Gathering Hymn - *Lord of All Hopefulness*#765 (red hymnal)

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORD

Lesson - Isaiah 9:6Leonard Upham, reader

Sermon - *And His Name Shall Be Called*Nikki Britzman

Hymn of the Day - *Healer of Our Every Ill*#612 (red hymnal)

Apostles' Creed

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn - *Come and Fill Our Hearts*#528 (red hymnal)

The Prayers

Prayer Hymn - *Come and Fill Our Hearts*#528 (red hymnal)

Service of Healing

Sharing of the Peace

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*#282 (red hymnal)

Postlude



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