

Welcome to Crosspoint Fellowship

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2023

Welcome	Greg Snow
Call to Worship	Jason Mosley
<i>Scripture Reference: Isaiah 9:2-7</i>	
Hymns of Praise	Once in Royal David's City Crown Him with Many Crowns
Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon	Tom Bettis
Hymn of Assurance	Away in a Manger
Offering	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Hymn of Preparation	It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Preaching of God's Word	Greg Snow
<i>Scripture Reference: Luke 2:1-14</i>	
Hymn of Reflection	I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Christmas is often a time of disappointment, as hopes and dreams go unfulfilled. There is only one way to turn the dream of peace into reality. If we are looking for permanent and ultimate good will, love, and peace, we must look beyond our gift-giving, get-togethers, and office parties. We must look to no other place than to a manger. It was Jesus Christ, the baby who was laid in that manger, who conquered sin and misery, establishing peace between God and man for all who trust in Him.

Dr. Stephen Nichols

LOOKING AHEAD

Today

Morning Worship Service

Sunday, December 31

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New Year's Eve Party - 5PM

Sunday, January 7

Morning Worship Service; Elder Recognition; Fellowship Meal

Sunday, January 14

Morning Worship Service; The Lord's Supper

(No Fellowship Meal)

Tuesday, January 30

PYC Rehearsals Begin; 6-8PM @ Calvary of Neosho

New Year's Eve Party

A New Year's Eve party will be held 5PM, Sunday, December 31st at the church. An evening of games & sweet fellowship with our church family will be a perfect ending to 2023, so bring your favorite finger foods & join us for a fun evening.

Attention men & boys - A dessert cook-off will be held just for you at the New Year's Eve party, so be sure to start practicing your baking skills!

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

The text for this hymn is based off of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's 1863 poem, "Christmas Bells." The poem itself was inspired by several painful events in Longfellow's life. For one, his son Charles joined the Union army without telling Henry before he left. Eventually, Charles was severely wounded in battle. Around the same time, Longfellow's wife, Frances, tragically died when her dress accidentally caught fire from a burning candle, which left Henry badly burned as well. Longfellow wrote his poem on Christmas Day, telling of the despair in his heart as he heard the Christmas bells play. The third verse, which says, "And in despair, I bowed my head: 'There is no peace on earth,' 'For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men,'" shows the depth of despair Longfellow experienced. Fortunately, this poem ends on an encouraging note, which shows the faith and hope in God that Longfellow had in the face of despair.