Welcome, family of Christ! Each person adds to our worship. Thank you for being here.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at https://bit.ly/FPClive

Worship Assistant: Terry Eck
Candle Lighting: Chuck Waters
Usher: Chuck Waters

Audio: Sally Heimbach
Video: Andy Ingram

NOTE: Sheet music for hymns can be found at the end of this document.

Faith
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Living and sharing the miracle of God's grace.

Order of Worship
December 13, 2020

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:00 AM ***DECEMBER 13, 2020***

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

PRELUDE *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* ARR. JUDY HUNNICUTT

Handbell Choir CCLI 1695793

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a terrible day. She left her lunch at home. She skinned her knee on the playground, and no one wanted to sit with her on the bus. As she sank into her mother's arms at the end of the day, her mother said, "Honey, what was the best part of today?"

The little girl cried and said, "Nothing! The entire day was terrible." So her mother got down on one knee, wiped away her tears and said, "There is always some good. Sometimes we just really have to look for it."

The little girl looked up at her mom and said, "What is good about today?" And the mother said, "For starters, you're here in my arms."

Friends, anytime we gather together to worship God, we are here in God's arms. So may we recognize that gift, and in doing so, may we sow joy. Let us worship Holy God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES & OPENING PRAYER CHUCK WATERS

HYMN #99 *"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"* MORNING SONG (PUBLIC DOMAIN)

(The soloists will sing the hymn. You are invited to follow along in the hymnal and reflect on the words. May this be a time of prayer for you!)

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: The Lord invites us to open our hearts to God before one another. As we pray together, we do not share things with God that God does not already know. What we do here is remind ourselves that no matter what we did or what we left undone, God's love has been with us the whole time. So we can approach the throne of grace with boldness. Let us pray together.

People: O great Writer, with a sky full of stars and a world full of flowers, there should be no end to my joy. And yet, instead of decorating my very being with joy, I let it slip away like loose change. Instead of singing like Mary, or dancing like David, I pass by remarkable beauty and love most days, unfazed. Forgive me. Teach me the ways of children, who laugh and dance and sing as if joy is the very thing that keeps them alive. Maybe they have joy figured out. Gratefully we pray.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: Christmas Joy

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has
sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim
liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to provide for
those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness
instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called
oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

4 They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they
shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. 8 For I the LORD love
justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I
will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants shall be known among
the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has
clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns
herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden
causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and
praise to spring up before all the nations.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — LUKE 1:46B-55 (THE VOICE TRANSLATION)

46 (Mary) My soul lifts up the Lord!
47 My spirit celebrates God, my Liberator!
48 For though I'm God's humble servant, God has noticed me.
Now and forever, I will be considered blessed by all generations.
49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me;
holy is God's name!
50 From generation to generation,
God's lovingkindness endures
for those who revere Him.
51 God's arm has accomplished mighty deeds.
The proud in mind and heart,
God has sent away in disarray.
52 The rulers from their high positions of power,
God has brought down low.
And those who were humble and lowly,
God has elevated with dignity.
53 The hungry—God has filled with fine food.
The rich—God has dismissed with nothing in their hands.
54 To Israel, God's servant,
God has given help,
55 As promised to our ancestors,
remembering Abraham and his descendants in mercy forever.

SERMON — *"Sowing Joy"* — REV. REBECCA MALLOZZI

ANTHEM — *"O Savior Sweet, O Savior Mild"* — J. S. BACH
Handbell Choir — PUBLIC DOMAIN

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER — GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL – PG. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"* PUBLIC DOMAIN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG *"Love Has Come"* Text © 1996 LNWhymns.com
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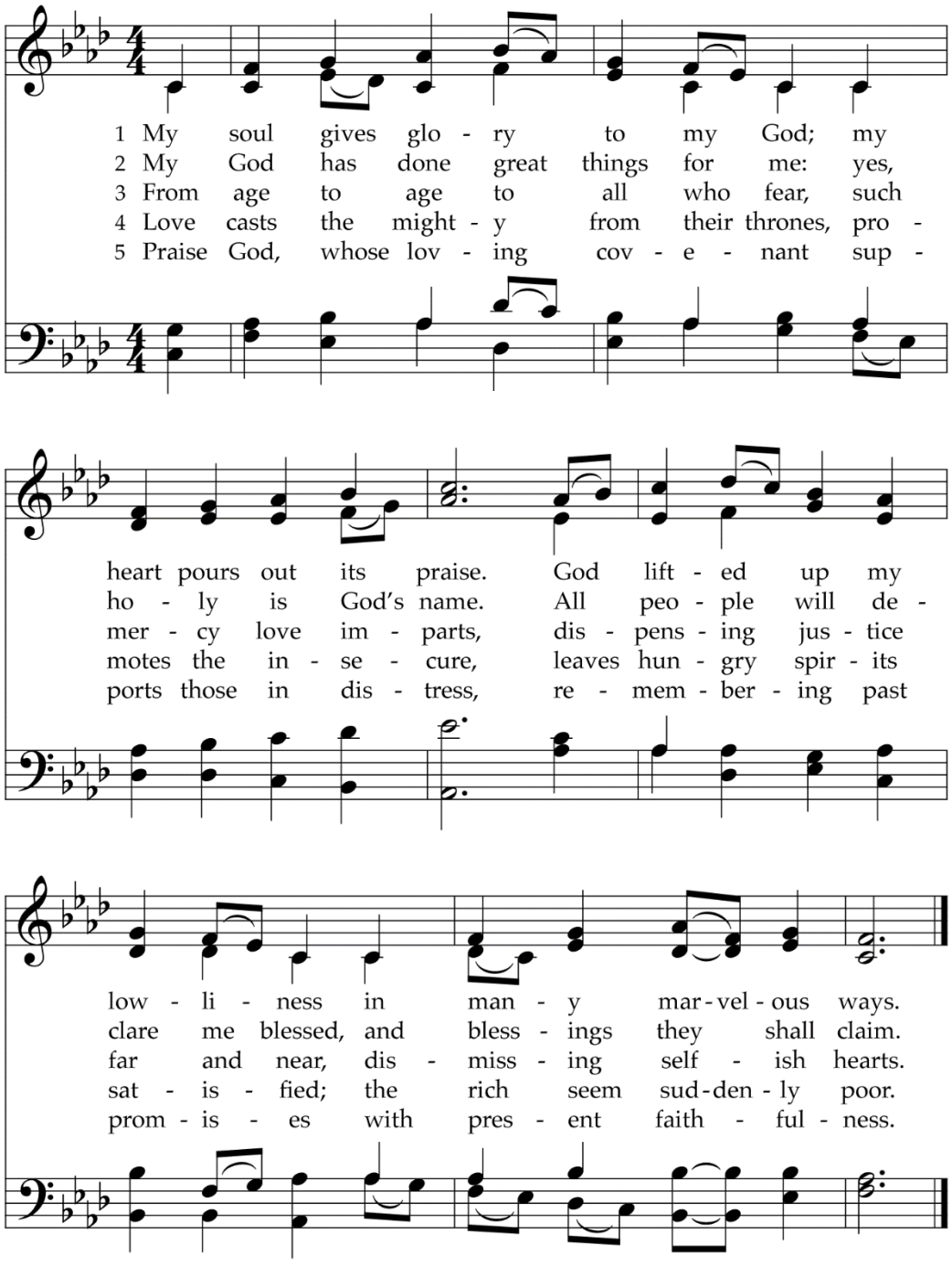
*POSTLUDE *"Venite Adoramus"* ITALIAN FOLK MELODY
PUBLIC DOMAIN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99

Song of Mary



This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

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MORNING SONG
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Faith Life

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Please join us on Zoom for Fellowship on Sunday Mornings following Worship. The link for Sunday Morning Fellowship can be found in the Thursday email blast. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these emails, please contact the office.

In a spirit of love and care, our sanctuary worship is limited to 50 people. This decision was made in light of recent improvements to our ventilation system, and changes to state guidelines.

Christmas Light Walk

On **Sunday, December 13th** at 7:00 pm, we will gather at the church for a Christmas Light Walk through Emmaus. We will depart from the church in small groups and walk through the neighborhood around the church in search of the ultimate Christmas light display.

Advent Meditations

Join Pastor Becki once more on Thursday December 17 at 7:00 PM for Advent Meditations. We will be using the art and poetry of A Sanctified Art's "Those Who Dream" advent program. The Zoom link is shared in the Thursday email blast.

The last week of Advent, we will gather at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. A different link will appear for that meeting.

Deacon Appeal

Can you help some church families who are in need? As we've become aware of some additional needs, the Deacons would like to ask the congregation to supplement the donations they are making to some church families. We will collect donations through December14th. Donations can be mailed to the church office, dropped off at the church office on Mondays or Thursdays from 9-2, left in the collection plate on Sunday morning or made electronically on the church's website. Please make sure to specify that your donation should be applied to the Deacon Fund (a note in the memo line of a check, a note with cash or use the notes section if donating electronically). Thank you for your support.

Congregational Meeting – December 20

There will be a congregational meeting next **Sunday, December 20**, immediately following worship (to begin no earlier than 11:00 AM) for the purpose of electing the slate of officers and Nominating Committee members, as well as voting on the pastor's terms of call. The meeting will be in person and via Zoom. Zoom details will be provided when they have been established. New officers will be installed in January.

Christmas Joy Offering: THE PERFECT GIFT

Leadership: **Past, Present** and Future
GOD is with us—Matthew 1:23

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, you honor this gift by providing financial and vocational guidance to **current and retired church workers** in their time of need, through the **Assistance Program** of the **Board of Pensions** and for our **future leaders** at **Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools** and **colleges.**

The **Assistance Program** offers assistance to folks in one of these three categories:

- retired church workers with financial and housing needs,
- church workers with urgent financial needs, and
- pastors with vocational leadership needs.

The Christmas Joy Offering provides opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools, such as Menuaul School in New Mexico and Stillman College in Alabama.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received and dedicated on **December 20, 2020**. Faith Presbyterian Church received **$3500.00** in 2020 for the Christmas Joy Offering. Do you think we can be **JOYFUL** givers and "top" that amount?

2021 Stewardship Drive

With a grateful heart, the Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that we have received **71 pledges** to the 2021 Faith Church budget totaling **$220,826**. Last year, we received 74 pledges and we would love to increase that number. Please consider what you can do to support Faith Church. Peace.

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Church Office Hours

Mondays and Thursdays only from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.
If work has been completed, the office will close early. If you need reports or materials that can be found only in the church,

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution. Please see the church website for the most up-to-date information.

This Week

Sunday, December 13
10:00 AM— Worship Service
7:00 PM— Christmas Lights Walk

Monday, December 14
Noon— Meditation (Facebook Live)

Tuesday, December 15 *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, December 16 *Church Office Closed*
6:00 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 17
7:00 PM— Advent Meditation (Z)
7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, December 18 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, December 19

Next Week

Sunday, December 20 *Christmas Joy Offering*
10:00 AM— Worship Service
11:00 AM— Special Congregational Meeting
5:00 PM— Youth Group

Monday, December 21
Noon— Meditation (Facebook Live)
7:00 PM— Mission Committee (Z)

Tuesday, December 22 *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, December 23 *Church Office Closed*
6:00 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve *Church Office Closed*
2:00 PM— Advent Meditation (Z)
7:30 PM— Candlelight Worship Service (S)
11:39 PM— Candlelight Worship Service (Triangle)

Friday, December 25 Christmas *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, December 26

Office Hours during Christmas Week

The office will be closed on Thursday, Christmas Eve. Instead, Lynda will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday.

Pre-K-5 online Sunday School

Inviting all Preschool through 5th graders to join us for online Sunday school at 9:00 AM on the dates listed below. It will be great to see each other's faces again as we catch up and learn about being a friend in God's way. We will finish up in time for those who are going to church in person to get in the car or for the rest of us to tune into worship online. Hope to see you there! Any questions contact Cathy at cathyzwiese@gmail.com or 248-622-1672. The link for these Sunday school classes can be found in the Thursday email blast.

January 31, February 28, March 28

Zoom Access Info

For security sake, the links for Zoom meetings are only shared in the Thursday email blast. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these emails, please contact the office.

Lend Your Voice!

Have you considered taking a turn as Worship Assistant? With fixes to the sanctuary HVAC system and worship procedure changes, we are worshiping with safety in mind, but the role of Worship Assistant has stayed the same. Please see the church website under Volunteer Opportunities to sign up. If new to Sign Up Genius, a quick registration is all that's

12/13 Cameron Godiska
1/14 Ryan Kennington
12/15 Harry Dennis, Rosemarie Haley, Cawley Waters
12/18 Owen Dredge
12/19 Thomas Eck, Bonnie Osterwald

Looking Ahead...

Jan. 1..... Happy New Year 2021!
Jan. 18 ..... MLK Day, Church Office Closed
Jan. 31 ..... Sunday School
Feb. 14 ..... Spring Flyer Deadline
Feb. 15 ..... Presidents' Day, Church Office Closed
Feb. 17 ..... Ash Wednesday
Feb. 21 ..... Lent Begins
Feb. 28 ..... Sunday School
Mar. 28 ..... Palm Sunday, Sunday School
Apr. 1 ..... Maundy Thursday

CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.

WAYS TO GIVE

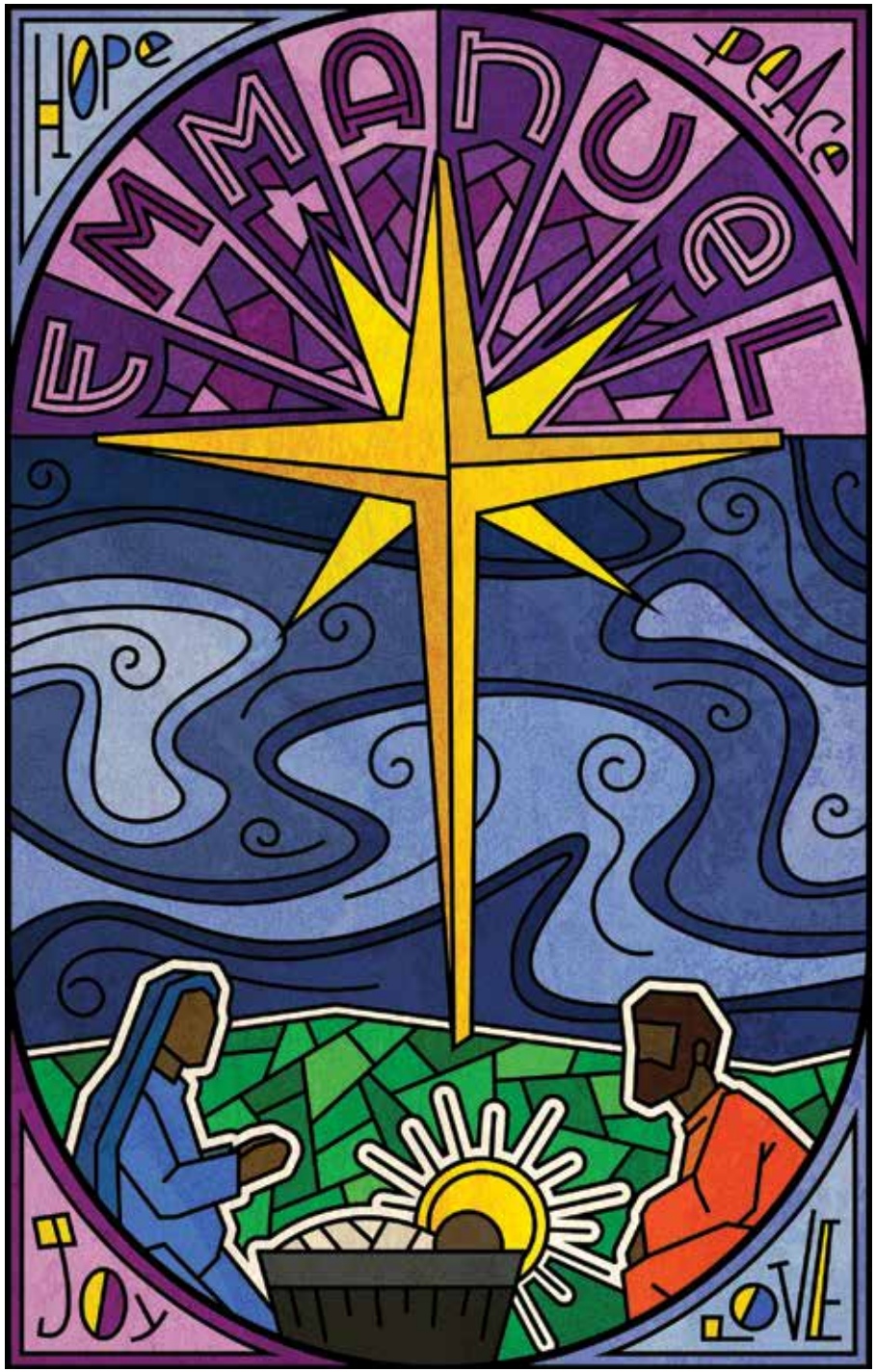
Through your congregation

Text JOY to 56512 to learn more or donate

Online at pcusa.org/christmasjoy

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

THE PERFECT GIFT

God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God being with us, and of being with those in need—the gift of being together when we are near, and being together when we are apart.

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50% 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50% 50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Please give generously.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

"What the Board of Pensions does is really important to me and others like me, so that we can carry on with life even with our disabilities."

Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Pattison is living with multiple sclerosis — as he has for years. Support from the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions made it possible for him to purchase a motorized scooter so he can have better mobility, a better quality of life — and enables him to continue to serve the church he loves. He is grateful for the help he has received thanks to gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, and wants people to know that these gifts have "helped in ways that have opened up my life."