



# SEA NOTES

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*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Could 2020 have been any worse? Well, yes it could have, but 2020 was still a year that none of us are going to be too upset to see depart. Good riddance I say!

And with the stroke of midnight on Jan 1, we finally do get to say goodbye to 2020 and welcome to the new year of our Lord, 2021. Out with the old, in with the new.

What a wonderful reminder that 2020 can give us on her way out – that everything old passes away and everything becomes new. With the dawn of 2021, we can look forward to a time when this virus is contained, and we can get back to in-person worship. We can start over; all the old “stuff” of our lives that has held us back or caused us angst in 2020 can be reset and we can start anew.

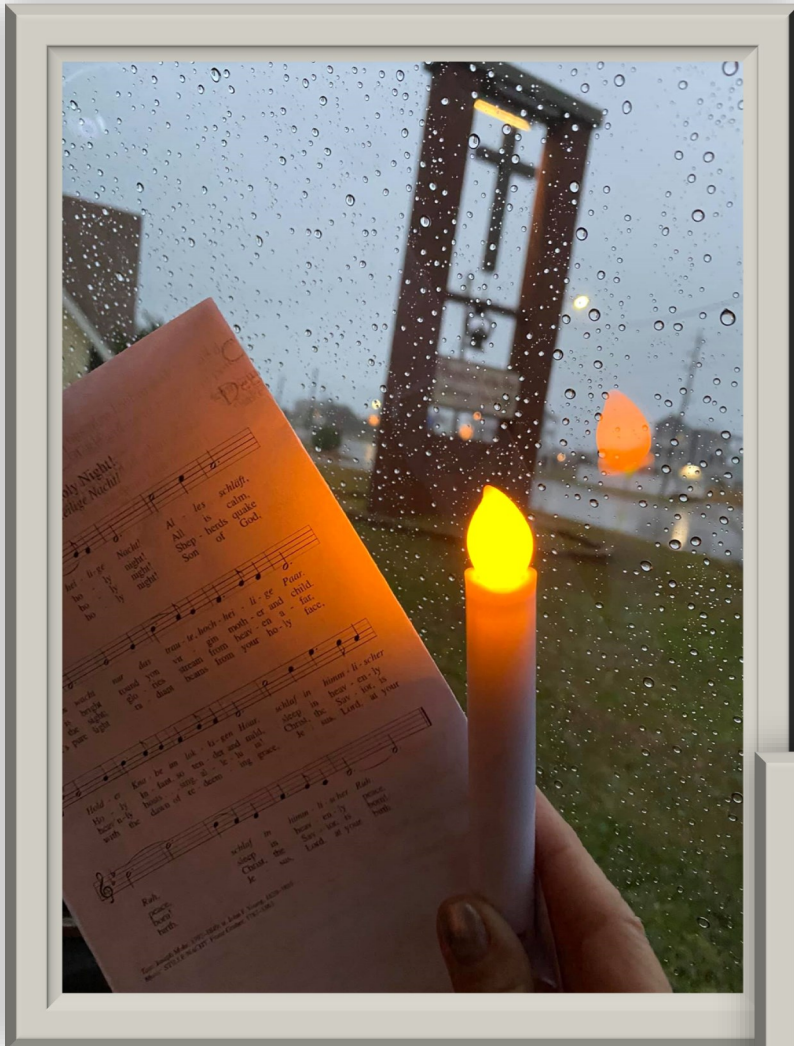
It is a great metaphor for the new year, but it's an even better metaphor for our lives as baptized Christians. On Christmas Eve, we held a service in the parking lot in the middle of a storm with driving winds. In my futile attempt to keep dry, I was literally running from car to car trying to distribute communion. Someone reminded me to remember my baptism, which, later that evening, I did.

Sometimes we are really in need of a good spiritual reminder of our adoption, one that a simple wash cannot always do. Sometimes we need a car wash style soaking and that's what we (or at least I) got on Christmas Eve. It was a fitting end to 2020; a strong reminder that we are still baptized children of God and that we are constantly being made new. All of our old sinful selves are passing away and we are being made new in God's waters.

2021 gives us an opportunity to reset; to begin anew; to start over. So, thank you God that we are now done with 2020. We are grateful for the annual refresh, for our baptisms, and for your Spirit, who guides us through the wilderness.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Scott

## Christmas Eve 2020



Our Christmas Eve service was held during a torrential rain and wind storm. Folks stayed warm and dry in their cars and listened to the service over the radio.

In the meantime, the sanctuary was markedly different and sparse for the broadcast.



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## Worship in January

During the season of Epiphany, we will harken back to the days of old as we continue our Olde Tyme Worship, gathered around the radio



like we did on Christmas Eve. We invite you to church; stay in your car; and listen to our service being broadcast live on 101.5 FM. Then, communion will be brought out to your car. There will be music too, and feel free to sing along in your car to your heart's content!

## Servant Schedule

There is no servant schedule for due to COVID-19.

## December Financials

Income - \$13,440.20

## Thank You!

A very big thank you to all who gave for the staff Christmas bonus. We are, as always, honored and grateful for your generosity!

## Social Media Outreach—Last Month

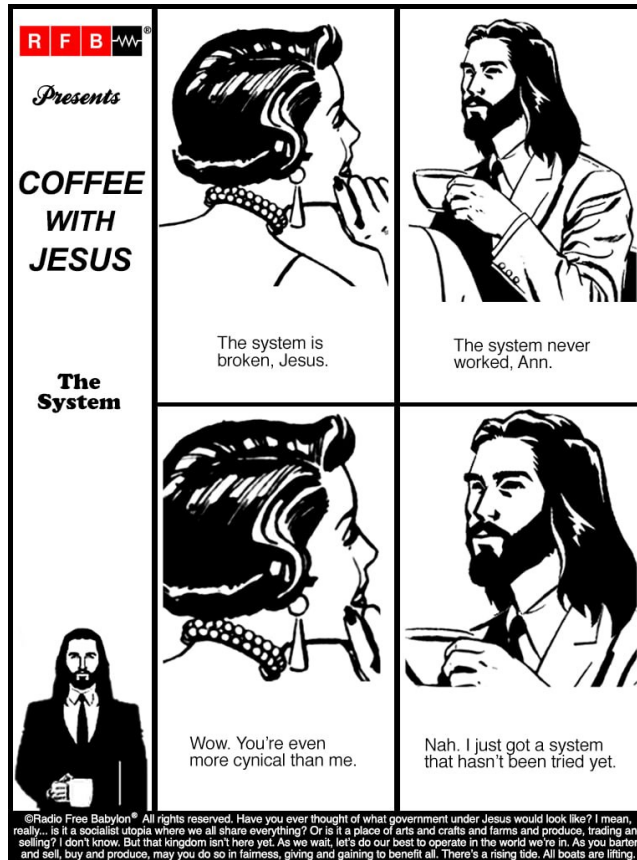
People reached through our Facebook page	234
Facebook likes, comments, and shares	395
Visits to our website	129
YouTube Views	192



## LECTIONARY READINGS for: January 2021

Color of the Day	Jan 3 Christmas 2	Jan 10 Epiphany 1	Jan 17 Epiphany 2	Jan 24 Epiphany 3	Jan 31 Epiphany 4	Color of the Day
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Genesis 1:1-5	Samuel 3:1-10	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	First Reading
Psalm	147:12-20	29	139:1-6, 13-18	62:5-12	111	Psalm
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Second Reading
Gospel	John 1:1-18	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28	Gospel

# CHURCH FUNNIES



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