

## Missionary Highlight: Roy & Elvia Sprague

Our dear friends and family,

JOY ... what a marvelous message was given by the angels that first Christmas “we bring you glad tidings of great joy ... for unto you a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord.” May He be your source of salvation, peace, and joy throughout the season!

JOY ... is what we’ve experienced serving as Minister at Large with NICE. Throughout December, we’ll be ministering at the Forest Glade Community Church near Lake Stevens, WA during this time they’re without a Pastor. We also have the privilege of teaching the Bible Study at the Laurel Oaks Senior Community each Thursday. The old song states well what’s in our hearts – “There Is Joy In Serving Jesus!”

JOY ... the Scripture declares that “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Though both Elvia and I deal with some physical limitations, we truly are filled with praise and gratitude for the health and strength God has given us.

JOY ... has flooded our hearts over and again as a result of the generous gifts from several churches and individuals who have made it possible for us to secure a 2019 Ford Escape SEL – what a neat ride! “Thank YOU, Lord!”

JOY ... is our daughter-in-law’s name, and she and our entire family are the source of much joy and delight to us. We’re anticipating spending as much time as possible with them during the holidays. Monica and Vern live in Edmonds, WA, where she works as Financial Officer for a building management company. Bob and Judi continue to serve as WA Field Director for NICE, and as Church Team Missionary at Hobart Community Church. Judi is also the Office Manager for NICE. David and Joy live on Bainbridge Island, where they enjoy many special times with their family. Dave is a correctional officer for King County, working in Seattle. We are blessed with 6 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren! There are now 26 in our family!

Our love in Christ,

Roy and Elvia  
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Order of Worship  
December 15, 2019

Congregational Singing

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” Hymn # 131

Announcements/ Scripture and Opening Prayer  
Isaiah 9:1-7 (Pew Bible, p. 573)

Congregational Singing

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” Hymn # 135

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Hymn # 152

“Emmanuel” Hymn # 134

Offertory Scripture Reading and Prayer

Elder Jim Kelly

Luke 2:1-14 (Pew Bible, p. 857)

Offertory

Brielle & Elaina Goodnough

Sermon: Bob Rodgers

“The Miracle of Christmas”

Closing Song

“Joy to the World!” Hymn # 125

## Announcements

- 1) NEXT Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Children's Christmas Program in the gym
- 2) Kitsap Rescue Mission Clothing and Supply Drive: Please bring your items to donate and put them in the box in the foyer by December 22. See the Flyer for more information.
- 3) December 24, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## Sunday Servers

### Greeters:

December 15: 1st: JoAnn M / 2nd: Mike & Judy M

### Ushers (December)

1st: Rob Z, Gabe S, Tom J, Alt. Walt B

2nd: Tom S, Mike W, Pat B, Alt. Doug O

### Children's Church:

December 15: 1st: Louise K / 2nd: Ken & Julita J

### Nursery:

December 15:

1st: Heather H/ Shawna N

SS: Stephanie S/ Karlene W

2nd: Karlene & Mike W

### Claremont East:

December 15: Mike C/ Colette D

## Prayer Requests & Praises

- Please pray for our church as we go through the trials of this coming week, that we would individually and collectively, in humility and gentleness, patience, and forbearance in love be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- Our dear sister, Ednamay Kennedy, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning. We are joyful that she is now with her Savior, but grieved for the sake of her family. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Praise! Gerald Behrens has had some good news tied to his new treatment in his very long battle with cancer. Please continue to pray for Gerald's continued healing, and for Joyce, too.
- Please continue to pray for Mindy Ricks as she is recovering from surgery, and for Kyle and the kids as they care for her.
- Please pray for Roxanne Moye's continuing recovery from surgery. Thank you all for your faithfulness both in prayer and in physical help.

## Looking Ahead

December 22, 10:00 a.m. - Children's Christmas Program

December 22, 12:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting and Vote following  
2nd service in the Sanctuary

December 22 - Last day to turn in donations for Kitsap Rescue Mission  
clothing and supply drive

December 24, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service