

# OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 17, 2023    Christmas Program    10:30 a.m.

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

The Organ Prelude

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Congregation Introit Hymn # 125 "Joy to the World!" v.1

## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord.

**People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

Pastor: The mighty one has done great things for us.

**Unison: Holy is God's name!**

## **\* ADVENT MEDITATION: (The Steiger Family)**

Advent Candle Song (See Insert)

## **\* PRAISE TO GOD**

\* Hymn #128 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, for all the times and all the ways we have resisted Your rule in our lives, Lord have mercy on us. For seeking our salvation through lesser things; for insisting on our own tired, broken ways instead of embracing Your life-giving way; Christ have mercy upon us. For our narrow vision of Your expansive love; for our stinginess with Your extravagant grace; Lord have mercy on us. Free us from our sin, loving God. Lead us in the new life You give us, that we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Hear the Good News! Mary has conceived a child by the Holy Spirit and He is to be named Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

**People: Friends, believe the Good News!**

**Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri

(#623 Hymnal)

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## **GOD'S WORK IN PRAYER**

Prayer Concerns

Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Congregation Response Hymn #82 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" v. 1

## **GOD'S WORK AND WORSHIP IN GIVING**

Announcements and Pew Registration

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\* The Doxology

(#625 Hymnal)

\* Offertory Prayer

## **GOD'S WORK**

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

(p.1590-91)

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Mary's Story

Hymn #122 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" V.1

Joseph's Story

Hymn # 124 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" V.1

Elizabeth's story

Hymn # 125 "Joy to the World" v.1

At the Inn

At the Manger

Hymn #157 "Away in a Manger" v. 1

The Shepherds

Hymn #135 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" v. 1

The Angel of the Lord

Hymn #133 "Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing" v. 1

The Angel Chorus

Hymn #132 "Angels We Have Heard on High," v.1

The Shepherds; Journey to Bethlehem

The Wise Men

Hymn #166 "We Three Kings" v.1

Hymn #147 "Silent Night"

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

**IN PRAYER**

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**Session:** Mindy Carls

**Mission Committee:** Joyce Stephens

**Fellowship Committee:** Carole Taube

**Building Committee:** Hilde Wray

**Sunday School Teacher:** Mary Steiger

**Shut-In:** Donna James

**Special Prayer Needs:** The family of Tracey Tucker, Darlene Sanchez, Mindy Carls, Trish Dudek, Roy Gustafson, Connie Moore, Shala Mannoochahr, Pete Duytschaever, Doris Coffey, Bobbie Fuhr, Zach Maxwell.

**Prayer Needs:** Ken Bridgford, Marlene Keleher, Pauline Shroyer, Paul Schnell, Claire Barnhouse, Sam Waldron, Donna James, Ann Tucker.

**MISSION EMPHASIS:** Christmas Basket Ministry

**Candle of Hope:** In the front of the sanctuary is a candle that recognizes the faithful service of all our military personnel.

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday: (12-17)</b>	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Fellowship	11:30 am
<b>Thursday: (12 -21)</b>	Choir	7:30 pm

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Thankyou:** Thank you to all who participated in today's Christmas Pageant. All your hard work and practices have produced a very wonderful Christmas experience that we all cherish. A fellowship will follow the service. Please come and enjoy!

**Christmas Eve Service:** Next Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, we will have our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Please plan on attending this beautiful, music filled service to glorify the birth of our Savior.

**Mission Stockings:** Please continue to fill your Christmas stockings with your spare change and return them to the "Big Red Boot" at the back of the church.

**Keep In Prayer:** Please keep our "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes in your prayers and also the "Christmas Basket" recipients. We hope that the love of Jesus is felt by all.

### **Christmas Basket Schedule:**

Wednesday = Present Wrapping: December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

Thursday = Preparing Hall for Packing Baskets: December 21 at 9 am.

Friday = Packing Baskets: December 22 at 9 am.

Saturday = Distribute Baskets: December 23 at 7 am.

You may also take part in the Christmas basket ministry by providing donations for the purchase of food to put in the baskets, or by bringing food by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Happy Birthday from the Deacons!**

Violet Fiers	December 23
Stan Karaway	December 23
Eilene Stephens	December 24

## JR-SR Christmas Program Cast

**Mary:** Violet Fiers

**Joseph:** Bodie Lambert

**Elizabeth:** Emma Steiger

## Christmas Pageant Cast

**Narrators:** Maxwell Gentry, Julia Mock

**Mary:** Meghan DeBaillie

**Jesus:** Hudson DeBaillie

**Joseph:** Bobby DeBaillie

**Inn Keeper:** Rachael Manecke

**Angel of the Lord:** Elliot Fiers

**Lead Shepherd:** Jason Manecke

**Shepherds:** Jaxon Babnik, Kenny Wright,  
Rachel Manecke

**Angels:** Sam Lawrence, Isabel Lawrence,  
Kira Wright

**Wisemen:** #1 Sam Mortensen

#2 Jentry Mock

#3 Emma Manecke