

# **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

December 31, 2023

10:30 am

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

The Organ Prelude

Silent Prayer and Meditation

\* Congregational Introit #586 "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

*Jesus, stand among us In Thy risen power;*

*Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.*

## **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor:** As the land is renewed each year and new crops sprout,

**People:** so the Lord God is restoring us.

**Pastor:** We are transformed by God's glory and power,

**People:** God's revelation in a little child.

**Pastor:** Salvation shall bring complete transformation.

**People:** The Lord God is saving us.

**Pastor:** With our whole being we rejoice in our God.

**Unison:** Let us worship God!

## **\* INVOCATION**

## **\* PRAISE TO GOD**

\* Hymn #167 "O Sing A song of Bethlehem"

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Great God, we want to fulfill the law as Joseph and Mary did.**

**We want to sing like the prophets did. We want to witness**

**God's saving love like Simeon did. We want to tell everyone the good news like Anna did. Lead us in the ways of righteousness,**

**that we might recognize your presence among us. We give thanks that while we know that life gives way to death, your**

**death restores us to life. Deepen our faith so that, even as we testify to your birth, we might anticipate the eternal life you**

**gave in your death. Teach us to obey and to serve; use us**

**anywhere and anytime. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Hear the good news! God sent His own Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to purchase freedom for the slaves of the law so that we might have the dignity of God's heirs.

**People: Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

JLK

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

Prayer Concerns

Pastor's Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #42 "Seek Ye First"

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,*

*And all these things shall be added unto you-- Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!*

## **GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:1-3, I Thessalonians 5:12-18

Sermon: "Pray Without Ceasing"

\*Hymn #168 "Who is He in Yonder stall?"

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

Announcements and Pew Registration

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\* The Doxology (#625 Hymnal)

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Hymn #409 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

\* Benediction

\* **Congregational Response #602 "God Be with You"**

*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,*

*With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

\* Postlude

\* Stand, if comfortably able.

## **IN PRAYER**

**Pastor** Tim Snart and family.

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**Deacons:** Larry Manecke

**Session:** Brian Gentry

**Mission Committee:** Melody Schnell

**Fellowship Committee:** Dawn Turkal

**Building Committee:** Hilde Wray

**Sunday School Teacher:** Mindy Carls

**Shut-In:** Marlene Keleher

**Special Prayer Needs:** Ken Bridgford, Shala Mannoochahr, Pete Duytschaeffer, Doris Coffey, Bobbie Fuhr, Zach Maxwell.

**Prayer Needs:** 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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