

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 15, 2024

10:30 am

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

\* Congregational Introit #141:

***"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in".***

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

Youth Class

One this third Sunday of our Advent journey,  
we light the candle symbolizing joy.

Remember the words of the prophet Zephaniah:

"Rejoice, daughter of Zion! Lift up your voice!

Rejoice and celebrate with all your heart!

The Lord has taken away your judgment,  
and turned away your enemy.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you will fear evil no longer.

The Lord God is in your midst."

Rejoice!

\* Hymn #133 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**Scripture: Philippians 4: 4-7, 1 Peter 1: 8-9**

**Sermon: "The Spirituality of Laughter"**

Dr. Andrew McDonald

\* Hymn # 151 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"

### Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

### Christmas Pageant

Hymn # 125 "Joy to the World"

**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

\* Congregational Response # 602: ***"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

## Christmas Program Cast

Joseph: Maxwell Gentry  
Mary: Emma Steiger  
Inn Keeper: Violet Fiers  
Lead Shepherd: Sam Mortensen  
Angel of the Lord: Julia Mock  
Wiseman #1 Jentry Mock  
Wiseman #2 Rachel Manecke  
Wiseman #3 Elliot Fiers  
Narrator: Addison Lambert  
Shepherds: Emma Manecke  
              Jason Manecke  
Angels: Jaxson Babnik  
          Olivia Raya  
          Oscar Raya  
          Hudson DeBaillie  
Baby Jesus: Lainey Mendoza  
Donkey: Jordan Mendoza



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# Give the gift they will always remember: Candlelight Christmas Eve at Coal Valley.

Invite your family and friends to  
Celebrate the joyful birth of Jesus Christ.  
Join together for Christmas Carols, special music,  
a joyful message  
And singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

It will be a night of joy, hope and blessing.  
Invite someone who would be blessed  
to hear this message of hope and healing.  
8 p.m. December 24.

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday (12-15)</b>	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Christmas Caroling	2:00 pm
<b>Tuesday (12-17)</b>	Circle Party	11:30 am
<b>Wednesday (12-18)</b>	Gift wrapping	1:00 pm
<b>Thursday (12-19)</b>	Basket set-up	9:00 am
<b>Friday (12-20)</b>	Fill baskets	9:00 am
<b>Saturday (12-21)</b>	Distribute baskets	8-10 am

**Circle Christmas Party:** Tuesday December 17 the Circle Bible Study groups will have a Christmas Party together at Lavendar Crest @ 11:30. Hope you can come!

**Peanut Brittle:** The December orders for peanut brittle are here today. Please see Connie after church.

### **Christmas Basket Schedule:**

Gift Wrapping: December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.  
Preparing Hall for Packing Baskets: December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.  
Packing Baskets: December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.  
Distribute Baskets: December 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 am.

**Caroling:** Today at 2:00 pm we will meet at the church to go caroling around to some of our shut-ins. Come and join us spread some Christmas cheer!

**Big Red Boot:** The "Big Red Boot" is here to collect your change over the holidays. The money collected will go to missions. Please take a little stocking and fill it with your leftover change. Then return it to the Big Red Boot at the end of the season. Thank you!

**Happy Birthday!** The Board of Deacons would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following people this week:

Tim DeVooght	December 15
Bev Pomo	December 15
Jim Quillin Sr.	December 15

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**Custodian:** Dave Miller

**Deacons:** Kay Janecek

**Session:** Lisa DeBaillie

**Mission Committee:** Joyce Stephens

**Building Committee:** Carole Bridgford

**Sunday School Teacher:** Brian Gentry

**Greeter:** Carla Belgarde

**Prayer Needs:** The Family of Jack Turkal, Trish Dudek, Shala Mannoochahr, Zach Maxwell, Donna James, Marlene Keleher, Pauline Shroyer, Claire Barnhouse, Sam Waldron, Ann Tucker.

**MISSION EMPHASIS:** Christmas Basket Ministry

**Online Giving is now available!**

