

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 22, 2024

10:30 am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation

* 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

Larry & Kay Manecke & family

A voice cries out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain brought low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places made into a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

* Hymn #132 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, your living Spirit speaks to us.
We confess that we have not listened.
We ignore your prophets by avoiding uncomfortable news,
and by-passing uncomfortable people.
Your word of life comes to us in vulnerability,
yet we do not nurture it,
or give it a place to grow in our lives.
Help us to listen, to share
and to create a safe space for your good news to grow.
Help us to be ready for the coming of your Messiah.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The scripture proclaims, "Out of darkness, light!"
God gives light to our lives that we might see
the redeeming grace and love given to us in
the coming of Jesus.
Believe and share the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

* **Gloria Patri** (# 623 Hymnal)

Welcome and Announcements

Invitational music for **JLK** (#42 Hymnal)
***"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and
all these things shall be added unto you—Allelu, alleluia!"***

Special Music: Isabel & Bryn Lawrence

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Doxology (#625 Hymnal)
* Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Luke 1: 24-25, 39-45"

Sermon: "A Time of Hidden Hope"

Dr. Andrew McDonald

* Hymn "Canticle of the Turning" (Insert)

Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn #141 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
* 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
* Stand, if comfortably able.

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Session: Deb Boudi

Mission Committee: Carole Taube

Building Committee: Teresa Bleyhl

Sunday School Teacher: Mindy Carls

Greeter: Deb Boudi

Prayer Needs: Trish Dudek, Shala Mannoochahr, Zach Maxwell,
Donna James, Marlene Keleher, Pauline Shroyer, Claire
Barnhouse, Sam Waldron, Ann Tucker.

MISSION EMPHASIS: Christmas Basket Ministry

Fourth Sunday of Avent



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THIS WEEK

Sunday (12-22) Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Tuesday (12-24) Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Flowers: The beautiful flowers this morning are in memory of Chris Ferris' birthday. (Terrie Palmer's brother)

Greeters: Please sign up if you would like to be a greeter. We need Greeters for January.

Christmas Basket Ministry: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Baskets. Hopefully each family will feel the love that was poured into each basket.

**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.**

Annual Congregational Meeting: Looking ahead, our Annual Meeting will be January 19 immediately following our Worship Service. Please be aware that the following reports need to be compiled and handed into the office by January 12.

Pastor's Report
Report of the Session
Necrology Report
Nominating Committee
Auditing Committee
Deacons
Sunday School
Building Committee
Mission Committee
Food Pantry
Fellowship Activities
Memorial Fund
Treasurers report

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

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| Violet Fiers | December 23 |
| Stan Karaway | December 23 |
| Eilene Stephens | December 24 |
| Elliot Fiers | December 25 |
| Bill Blankenship | December 27 |



Online Giving is now available!

