

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 8, 2024

10:30 am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation

* Congregational Introit # 247:

"Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me."

Lighting of the Advent Candles

(Symbolizing our advent journey, we light the first two candles of advent)

Thus says the Lord of hosts:

"Behold, I send my messenger

to prepare the way before me.

For the Lord, whom you seek,

will suddenly come into his temple.

Behold, the messenger of the covenant,

in whom you delight, is coming.

But who can stand when he appears?

For his is like a refiner's fire and like fullers soap;

this One will sit as one who purifies silver,

This One will purify the children of God,

and refine them like silver and gold,

until they present the right offering to the Lord."

* Hymn #123 "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you who, out of nothing, shaped all that is, forgive us for returning empty handed.

You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark.

You sent John as a voice crying out in the wilderness;

forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all.

You sent your Son to set your people free;

forgive our comfort with the captivity we find ourselves in.

Send your Spirit upon us and give us ears to hear, eyes to see and hearts filled with courageous hope, in Jesus Christ.

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!"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Doxology

(#625 Hymnal)

* Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Luke 1: 5-19

Sermon: "What to do in the Darkness"

* Hymn "*In the Bleak Midwinter*" (see insert)

Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn #128 "*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*"

* 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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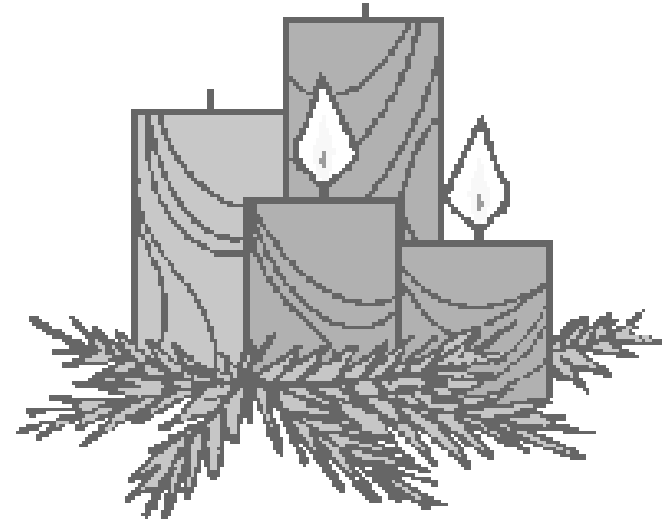
Building Committee: Roy Gustafson

Sunday School Teacher: Corey Lambert

Greeter: Deb Boudi

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

MISSION EMPHASIS: Christmas Basket Ministry



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THIS WEEK

Sunday (12-8)

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
Afternoon Circle 1:00 pm

Tuesday (12-10)

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Christmas Basket Ministry: We are collecting food for the Christmas Baskets that the Food Pantry gives out to those in need. We need the following items:

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| Mashed potatoes | Corn | Boxed stuffing |
| Cr of mushroom soup | | Green Beans |
| Cake mixes | | Frosting |

There will be a food pantry box in the entrance to collect your donations. Monetary donations also accepted. Thank you.

Peanut Brittle: Beulah will be selling Peanut Brittle!

The prices are \$16 =1 LB \$9:00 =1/2 LB

Delivery date Dec 15

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Invitation: We are having an Open House to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary! We decided life is short, and we better celebrate when we can! It will be Sunday, December 8, from 1-4 at Oakwood Country Club, [1067 US-6, Coal Valley](#), with "Remarks by Roy" at 2:00.

Sure hope you can join us! Jan & Roy Gustafson

Pianist: As you know we are looking to hire a pianist. The following is the job description:
Worship services each Sunday 10:20-11:30 am
Choir rehearsals Thursday evening 7-8:30 (Sept-May)
Position is open and available now.
Please see Eilene Stephens or Shannon Mock if you or someone you know might be interested.

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

Gin Wray	December 8
Corey Lambert	December 12



Online Giving is now available!

