

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

January 5 2025

10:30 am

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation

### Call to Worship

Hear the word of the LORD, you nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away; say,  
"He who scattered Israel will gather him  
and will keep him as a shepherd cares for a flock."

**For the LORD our God has  
ransomed and redeemed his children from violent hands.**

Come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
Be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,

**Your life shall become like a watered garden;  
You shall never languish again.**

Let the young women rejoice in the dance,  
Let the young and the old be merry.  
The Lord says,

**"I will turn your mourning into joy;  
I will comfort you  
and change your sorrow into gladness."**

\* Hymn #133 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Composed by Beth Merrill Neel)

**O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.  
We lie down when we could act,  
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,  
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.  
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than  
in you.  
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,  
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.  
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,  
So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever.  
Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment,  
and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn  
that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and  
abounding in a love that will always be loyal to us.  
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

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sermon: "When A Word Has the Impact of a Deed"

Dr. Andrew McDonald

\* Hymn #145 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Holy Communion

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

\* Hymn #1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
\* 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:** Larry Manecke

**Sunday School Teacher:** Jodie Mortensen

**Greeter:** Scott & Mariann McWhinney

**Prayer Needs:** The family of Dwayne Blaser, Trish Dudek, Shala Mannochahr, Zach Maxwell, Donna James, Marlene Keleher, Pauline Shroyer, Claire Barnhouse, Sam Waldron, Ann Tucker.

JOY  
to the world

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday (1-5-25)</b>	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am
<b>Monday (1-6)</b>	Take down tree	9:00 am
<b>Tuesday (1-7)</b>	Free Kitchen	5:00 pm
	<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>9-11 am</b>
<b>Wednesday (1-8)</b>	Deacons	6:30 pm
	Session	7:30 pm
<b>Friday (1-10)</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>9-11 am</b>

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

**Food Pantry:** It is our turn to serve in the food pantry this  
Week. Please sign up if you can help.

**Taking down Christmas Tree:** On Monday January 6 @  
9:00 am we will need help undecorating and taking the tree  
down. Please come and help put things away for next year.

**Free Kitchen:** Our deacons are serving a meal at the Christian  
family Care Center this Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at about 6:00 pm.  
Please let our deacons know if you would like to help.

**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:

Lisa DeBaillie  
Steve Palmer

January 9  
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**Online Giving is now available!**

