

IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY (DEC. 24)

9:30 am Worship: Accompanist: Marsha Metz

Liturgist: Lisa Poy

7:00pm Worship: Accompanist: Midge Dionne

Liturgist: Greg Baker

HAPPENING WEEKLY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH

Every Wednesday: 10-11am Prayer Fellowship

6:30-7:30pm New Testament Bible Study

Each Day: Use the Prayer Guidebook (available in the lobby) to pray daily for your family, church, community, and the world.

THIS WEEK IN YOUR CHURCH

Today: Christmas Program for all to enjoy

2-5pm Parsonage Open House (11589 Grafton Road)

6:30pm Youth Dinner. Be sure to sign-up in the lobby to attend.

Tuesday: 9am Newsletter material for January/February due into the office

7pm Christmas Choir practice

Wednesday: 3pm Angels United Giving Tree distribution begins. Help will be needed.

Next Sunday Christmas Eve: 9:30am Worship

6:15pm Carleton Brass

7pm Worship with Candles and Carols

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2024 Giving Envelopes are on the Usher's counter. Please take yours today. If you are not currently using Giving Envelopes and would like a set, let the church office know.

As a reminder that the final day for 2023 Giving will be Sunday, December 31st.

PHONE DIRECTORY

An updated Phone Directory is available in the lobby. Please take one today.

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Wednesday Night Bible Study continues through December 27th and then will resume January 3rd at 6:30pm

New in 2024: Monday Morning Bible Study will begin a study of the Historical Books of the Bible on Monday, January 22nd from **10:30 to 11:30am**. Note the new meeting time for this group. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those interested in attending.



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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

Rev. Eun Sik Poy, pastor

Accompanist: Tyler Vaughn

Liturgist: Tim Bodenmiller

Advent Wreath: James & Sarah Baber & family

Children's Handbells: Julie Riggs

Christian Education Chair: Karyn Vaughn

Order of Worship

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Baber's

Leader: When God's people were surrounded by hardship, suffering, and grief, Isaiah proclaimed, The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit (Isaiah 61:1-3a). We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

Congregation: We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

Leader: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, just peace, and fierce joy. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Opening Song *Jesus Loves Me* 191

*Greet One Another

Prayer Requests and Praises

Please fill out a green prayer card for those you are lifting in prayer today so that we may send a card of encouragement to them.

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song of Preparation *This is The Day* 657

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Narration

Scripture Reading John 1:1-4, 5, 9-14

Sing *This Little Light of Mine*

(Mary and Gabriel enter)

Scripture Readings **Luke 1:26-38**

Sing *Here I Am, Lord* (first verse)

Narration

Sing *Away in a Manger*" first verse

(Joseph and Angel enter with baby Jesus)

Narration

Sing *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*

(Main Shepherd enters)

Narration

Sing *Angels We Have Heard on High*

(All angels move to the front.)

Narration

Sing *Happy Birthday Jesus* -

Leland Morin, soloist

Please join in the second time through.

(All shepherds move to the front.)

Narration

Bells *Oh Holy Night*

(All animals and interested adults move to the front to play bells.)

Narration

Sing *Go Tell It On the Mountain* (first verse)

(All the townspeople will move to the front)

Proclamation of the Good News

Sing *Joy to the World* (vv. 1, 2, & 4)

(Everybody may return to their seats while singing.)

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Almighty God, it is with great joy that we give because we know that all we have comes from you, O God. You created, saved and call us to share your hope, love, and joy with all. Amen.

Benediction

*Please stand as able.