

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Our Community Gathers

Bell Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (**you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: We gather to worship with expectations:
God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

**ALL: God comes to us in real time.
God comes to us in dreams.**

Leader: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in –
difficult to believe.

ALL: O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

Leader: God is present here. God is working in our midst.

**ALL: Then our mouths are filled with laughter,
Our tongues shout out with joy!**

Invocation

Pastor Rich

***Opening Hymn**

'To God Be the Glory'
vs 1 & 3

Ch #72

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

Pastor Rich

Lighting of the Candle of Joy

'Christmas Joy'

Bell Ensemble

Prayers of the Gathered and the Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading

Luke 3: 7-18 (pg 60 NT)

Morning Message

Rich Pate

'What Then Should We Do?'

Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table

We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.

Communion 'There's Something About That Name'

Ch # 115

2 x

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup

You are invited to eat the bread once you receive it. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.

Prayer of Offering and Dedication

Ellie Wells

Holy God, we will serve only you. We will bring our whole selves to the effort. We will sing your praises to the universe. Accept these offerings as tangible proof of our commitment to you. May they be magnified for your use in our time. Amen

***Sending Song**

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

Ch #530

vs 1 & 2

Blessing

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you always. Amen

"Our Worship has ended - - Now our Service begins"

Scriptures for Sunday, December 23rd

Elder New Testament reading: Luke 1: 47-55

New Testament reading: Luke 1: 39-45

Random Act of Kindness

For the month of December our Random Act of Kindness will be to call a far away friend or relative to say "Hello". Thank you!

Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells & Al & Bev Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those members and friends who can't be here with us each week.

Safe Haven Shelter

Our Christmas donations this year will go to the Safe Haven shelter. There is a sign-up for items they could use for the families who will be staying there through Christmas.

Christmas Eve Service

We will have our Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 on Monday, December 24th.

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Third Sunday of Advent



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