

Sunday, December 23, 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: Long ago the people were given a sign of God's presence.

ALL: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Leader: God's promise to us remains sure and true.

ALL: God's Anointed One will soon walk among us, to lighten our darkness, to restore the joy of salvation, to save us from our sins.

Invocation

Pastor Rich

***Opening Hymn 'My Soul Gives Glory to My God'**
vs 1 & 2

Ch #130

New Testament Reading

Luke 1: 47-55

Todd Whitmer

Lighting of the Candle of Love

'Night of Silence'

Lana Bell, Yvonne Kimball, Paige & Shelley Carpenter, Rich Pate & Brian Nabors

Prayers of the Gathered and the Lord's Prayer

Todd Whitmer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading

Luke 1: 39-45 (pg 57 NT)

Morning Message

Rich Pate

'Who Am I?'
(What a Motley Crew)'

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

'Holy Ground'

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

Todd Whitmer

Holy God, the love we receive from you is beyond our comprehension. Accept these gifts of love returned to you from grateful hearts. As your love has no limits, may this offering be infinite in compassionate outreach to others. Amen

***Sending Song**

'My Soul Gives Glory to My God'

Ch #130

vs. 4 & 5

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 30th

Elder Old Testament reading: Psalm 148

New Testament reading: Luke 2: 22-40

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.

The Christmas gift bags were delivered last week. Please remember these members in your prayers! We thank Sara Stewart, Mary Ann Welch, Marcia Gallaway, Carol & Ralph Wertz, and Linda Gardner for delivering these Christmas remembrances!

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

We will have our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 on Monday, December 24th. It will be a lovely service of scripture and song. Join us for coffee and cookies at 6:15.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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