

Sunday, December 2, 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 watch and wait, and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: We prepare our lives and watch for signs of God's light breaking into the world.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Leader: We wait, and watch for signs of your action in the world. Actions of compassion and grace.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Leader: Holy God, we recognize that we do not know the day or the hour, but we know that the day is near.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Be born anew in our world and our lives.

Invocation *Pastor Rich*

***Opening Hymn** **'Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates'** Ch #129
vs 1 & 2

New Testament Reading **Jeremiah 33: 14-16** *Linda Gardner*

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

'Peace In Christ' *Matt & Emmy Henderson*

Prayers of the Gathered and The Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading Luke 21: 25-36 (pg 85 NT)

Morning Message *Rich Pate'*

"Both /And" is better than "Either/ Or"

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 **'Seed, Scattered and Sown'** Ch #395
vs. 1

Special Music *'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'* *Matt Henderson*

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 *Linda Gardner*

O Lord, we give thanks for all of the ways in which you reveal yourself to us. Help us to clear away the many distractions of this season and offer our whole lives as gifts to you. May these, our offerings, nurture all of the ways in which your promise is breaking into the world. Amen

***Sending Song** **'Come, O Long-expected Jesus'** Ch #125
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 beg

Scriptures for Sunday, December 9th

Elder Old Testament reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

New Testament reading: Luke 3: 1-6

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.

Annual Meeting

The congregation's Annual Meeting will be held following worship next Sunday, December 9th. We will be voting on the budget and the slate of officers for 2019. This will be a short meeting and we encourage everyone to attend.

Bell Players

For those playing bells for Sunday the 16th of December, we will start rehearsals at 9:30 for the next two Sundays.

Christmas Shut-in Bags

There is a sign up sheet in the gathering room - we will need the items by the 16th of December please. We will also need a few volunteers to deliver the remembrance gifts.

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First Sunday of Advent



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