

Sunday, December 9, 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: Listen! The voice of God calls out across the ages.

ALL: We hear and respond. We rise up to worship God from the valleys, the mountains, and the plains.

Leader: Like a shepherd God leads us and tenderly gathers us together.

ALL: The grass withers and the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever!

Invocation

Pastor Rich

***Opening Hymn**

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'
vs 1 & 2

Ch #119

New Testament Reading

Malachi 3: 1-4

Lana Bell

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

'Wonderful, Merciful Savior'

Shelley & Paige Carpenter

Prayers of the Gathered and The Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading

Luke 3: 1-6 (pg 60 NT)

Morning Message

Rich Pate

'Who's Really in Charge?'

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

'Emmanuel, Emmanuel'

Ch # 134

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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

Lana Bell

God of all the earth and of the universe, although our offerings are sums of substance, we ourselves are the gifts you desire. Unfold our hopes, open us up to service, use us well. Magnify our giving as we rejoice in your gracious presence among us. In the name of the one who was born Immanuel. Amen

***Sending Song**

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'

Ch #119

vs 3 & 4

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 16th

Elder New Testament reading: *Philippians 4: 4-7*

New Testament reading: *Luke*

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 is today immediately following worship. 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.

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.

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. You can still fill out the in memory or in honor of - just write what gift item you will bring instead of the cash amount.

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Second Sunday of Advent



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