

Sunday, December 1, 2019

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

Prelude 'Emmanuel' *Bells*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Leader: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
The darkness has long been upon us.
We long for the light – the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.

ALL: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Leader: The light has not yet come.

ALL: We wait for the dawning of God's glory.

Leader: This one candle casts its light into the darkness.

ALL: It reminds us to stay awake and watchful, for the Promised One will come to us at an unexpected hour!

Advent Candle Lighting *Sara Stewart*

***Opening Hymn** 'Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates' Ch #129
vs. 1 - 3

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 2: 1-5** *Yvonne Kimball*

Prayer Preparation 'Open My Eyes' (*chorus*) Ch #586

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer *Yvonne*

'I Wonder as I Wander' (verse 1) Ch #161

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Our Word of Life Matthew 24: 36-44 (*pg. 27 NT*)

Morning Message *Rich Pate*

'Did You Ever Wonder . . .'

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 'Away in a Manger' CH #147
vs. 1 & 3

Special Music 'My Lord, What a Morning' *Brian Nabors*

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. *You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

Prayer of Offering and Dedication *Yvonne Kimball*

Take these gifts, our Lord, as symbols of our whole love for you and transform with them the whole lives of those for whom they are used. In Jesus Name, Amen

***Sending Song** 'We've a Story to Tell to the Nations' Ch #484
vs. 1

Blessing
Welcome the coming of Christ with gladness. Make room for the Savior in your lives. Embrace Christ as your Friend. Accompany him in his ministry. And may God's hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**'Our Worship has ended - - -
Now our Service to God begins!'**

Scripture for Sunday, December 8th

Old Testament reading: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

New Testament reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

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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, Marie Pate, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Bev Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those who can't be with us on Sundays.

Belmont Service

We will worship with the Belmont residents at the chapel this afternoon at 2:00. Feel free to join us as we share communion, singing, prayers and a message from Pastor Rich with these wonderful people. Come feel the love!



Advent Calendar

- Dec. 1 Matthew 24: 36-44 'I Wonder As I Wander'
Dec. 8 Isaiah 11: 1-10 'The Promise of the Ages'
(Annual Meeting following worship)
Dec. 15 Luke 1: 46b- 55 'He Surely Could Have Any Wee Thing'
(In Memory or In Honor of donations due)
Dec. 22 Matt: 1:18-25 'When Mary Birthed Jesus'
(Deliver Christmas Gift Bags to our shut-ins)
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Isaiah 9: 1-8 plus selected reading, solos, & singing
Gathering 6:00 - Service 7:00
Dec. 29 Matthew 2: 1-12 'Honoring the King'

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