

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

People: We see hope when we look to the next generation. We feel hopeful when we gather together. We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.

Leader: You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymnal 88

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Ever-present God, we long to feel you close. We long to feel your presence in our lives. We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world. However, if we’re honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst. Forgive our rushing and distractions. Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space. Remind us that even in the time of Herod, even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.

\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Family of faith, even when we doubt God’s presence, even when we fail to notice God’s fingerprints in this world, God is always moving closer to us. Hear and believe the good news this Advent season:

People: Nothing can keep God’s love away. We are seen. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:46-58 Pew Bible p.585  
Luke 1:3-17 Pew Bible p.723

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

\*HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymnal 275

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymnal 82

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able please stand

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you’re here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information with the office, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the collection time. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex.

 LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.

 Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.

The communion table flowers for November are sponsored by Jean and Gary McCarthy.

| Weekly Walk |          |                                                                           |
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| Sunday      | 10:00 am | Worship                                                                   |
| Sunday      | 10:15 am | Children’s Sunday school                                                  |
| Sunday      | 11:30 am | Chili Cook-off and Advent Craft                                           |
| Wednesday   | 9:30 am  | “Hanging of the Greens”, optional cookie and white elephant gift exchange |

- After worship today is our **Chili Cook-off and Advent Craft** event! Who will win the “copper ladle” this year??
- There are **Advent devotionals** available on the table in the narthex.
- We will be **decorating the church** for Advent and Christmas this Wednesday beginning at 9:30am. We will also have an optional cookie and white elephant gift exchange. For more information, please speak to Linda Homan.



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| Ava Holzberger    | 2-Nov  |
| Scott Bailey      | 14-Nov |
| Lucy Witt         | 15-Nov |
| Evleen Kelly      | 17-Nov |
| Olivia Lewis      | 21-Nov |
| Bill Dougherty    | 21-Nov |
| Colton Braunwarth | 21-Nov |



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