

SERMON NOTES



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*shadow of  
your wings*

Matthew 2:13-15

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

Second Sunday of Advent • Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

*I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*Angels From The Realms Of Glory  
O Come All You Unfaithful  
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

Offering

*Silent Night*

Prayer & Message

“Shadow of Your Wings”  
Matthew 2:13-15 (p.808)  
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Closing Blessing

*KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade) and nursery are available.*

**We have a number of free advent resources** available in the Fellowship Lobby: a Family Holiday Planner, Advent Family Devotional, and Everyday Gospel Christmas Devotional. Digital versions are also available (see this morning’s email).

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Today following the worship service.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Tuesday, December 24, 4:00pm

**Church Christmas Party & Program:** Wednesday, December 18, 6pm. Everyone is invited to our church-wide Christmas Party and Christmas Program! Even if you don't usually come for KidLife Club/Focal Point, we hope you'll consider joining us for a Christmas ham dinner, cookie decorating, Christmas bingo, singing some favorite Christmas carols, and a no-rehearsal "play" with audience participation.

ADULTS

**Sermon Discussion Class (not meeting today)**  
**Sundays following the service until noon, Fellowship Hall (downstairs)**

**Prayer Partners Online**  
**Mondays, 7pm via zoom (link emailed on Mondays)**

**Focal Point**  
**Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm**

- *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands*; Pastor Tim Meendering, Fireside Rm
- *Bible study: 2 Peter*; Mike Fisk & Nick Verburg, Room 250

MEN

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**  
**Tuesdays, 7-8am, Fireside Room**

**REAL Men**  
**Fridays, 7-8am, Fellowship Lobby**  
*Fighting Shadows: Overcoming 7 lies that keep men from becoming fully alive*

WOMEN

**Women’s Tuesday Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:15am, Fireside Room**  
*12 Women of the Bible*

**New study starting January 7:** Becoming a Woman of Prayer. In this 11-session small group study, Cynthia Heald will encourage you to respond to God’s invitation to deeper intimacy with Him. Study Book Written by Cynthia

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14
Worship Service Congregational Mtg. 6p - Youth Group  NKC items due	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7p - YA Bible Study	6p - KidLife Club 6:15p - Focal Point 6:15p - Women’s Bible Study		7a - REAL Men	
12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
Worship Service Communion Sunday School 3p - Youth & YA Caroling	7p - Prayer Partners	7a - Men’s Prayer Breakfast	6p - Christmas Party and Program (everyone is invited!)	6:30p - Ladies Book Club		
12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28
Worship Service	7p - Prayer Partners	4p - Christmas Eve Service	Christmas			

Heald. Discussion Groups Led by Joan Moore & Pam Jacobs. Worship/Hymns led by Margaret Buffum. Sign-up and books will be available in the Fellowship Lobby before and after service today.

**Women’s Wednesday Bible Study (during Focal Point)**  
**Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm, Room 247**  
*Advent*

YOUNG ADULTS

**Bi-monthly Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays, 7pm, See Tim VanderZwaag for location**

- December 15 - Caroling @3pm

YOUTH

**Sunday School**  
**Sundays following the service until noon**

- Middle School - may join either the Family Sermon Discussion or the Catechism Class
- High School - Catechism Class, Room 246

**Youth Group**  
**Sundays, 6-7:30pm, Youth Room**

- December 15 - Caroling @3pm

CHILDREN

**During Service**

- Nursery - 6 weeks to 3 years, Room 241
- KidLife Worship - 3 years to 2nd grade, Fireside Room

**Sunday School**  
**Sundays following the service until noon**

- Preschool to 1st grade meet in the Fireside Room
- 2nd to 5th grade meet in Room 250 for a Family Sermon Discussion

**KidLife Club**  
**Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm, Room 101**  
For kids preschool through 5th grade. Our focus this fall is the Fruit of the Spirit.

- December 18 - Christmas Program