



We would like to welcome everyone to our worship services today. We are honored that you have come to worship with us. For those who are visitors, I am Pastor Kevin Gingerich, and if I can assist you in any way, please let me know. You may call the church office at 324-4894, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday .

We have a nursery available during the Traditional and Modern Worship services for children ages 0 - 3. It is located

down the hall across from the restrooms by south entrance.

Our Mission:

“To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus Christ”

Our Vision:

“To open our hearts and doors to all people with love and acceptance; inviting them into a relationship with Christ, and each other; encouraging and empowering them as followers of Christ to love as He loved us; and sending them by the power of the Holy Spirit to live the word of God in our homes, community, and world.”

Church Staff:

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Church office hours:
Mon 8:15 AM-2:30 PM,
Tues-Fri 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Ron Noack, Custodian

The deadline for putting announcements in the bulletin is every Tuesday by noon. Newsletter information needs to be in the church office by the 21st of every month.

Connect with us Online:

Website: **sheldonfaith.org**

Audio and video sermons, bulletins, and newsletters are available on the church website.

Facebook: Faith Community Church Of Sheldon

YouTube: Faith Community Church of Sheldon

Welcome to Faith Community Church



Traditional Worship 8:30 AM
Modern Worship 11:00 AM

December 24, 2023

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This Week at Faith Community Church

(12-24/12-31)

- Sun. 8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM Fellowship
NO 9:40 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Modern Service
5:00 PM Candle light service
- Mon. Office Closed
- Tues.
- Wed.
- Thus.
- Fri.
- Sat.
- Sun. 10:00 AM Blended Service
NO 9:40 AM Sunday School

Prayer List:

Otto Lawson Derick Roos Gloria Morris
Bonnie Baartman Duane Wahlstrom
Patsy Zoet Sarah Updike
Kelly De Boef (daughter of Rick & Pam Kobbe)
Eli Sims (grandson of Rich Haack)
Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler)
Stephanie Fowler (daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)
Sheila Lienau (sister of Karin Vanden Berg)
Donna Whitfield (mother of Michelle Noack)
Sue Radke (mother of Matt & Jody Radke)
Duane Gingerich (father of Pastor Kevin and Sue)

Areas of Service for December



Song Leader:

24. Bill B
31. Ardis 10 AM

Liturgist:

24. Matt R
31. Barb M

8:30 AM Greeters:
24. Julie B
31. Steve F 10 AM Service

11:00 AM Acolyte: 24. Tallulah/Lydia O
31. N/A

Coffee Bar Clean up:
24. Barb M
31. No Coffee Bar

8:30 AM Acolyte:
24. Eli B/Bo H
31. Kyler & Kenzie McCuddin 10 AM Service

11:00 AM Greeters:
24. Heath & Rosa K
31. N/A

GIVING 2023

We ask that all financial gifts that are to be credited to 2023 be into the offering December 31 by 5:00 PM. Monies received after that will be applied to the 2024 giving. Thank you.



Merry Christmas!

May the blessings of God be with your family and with you all year long.



December Reminders:

24th– Regular morning services, 5:00 PM candle light service, and no Sunday School
25th– Office Closed (Merry Christmas)
26th– No Kids Club
27th– No Confirmation, or youth group
28th– No Kids Club
31st– Only one 10:00 AM service and no Sunday School
January 1st– Office closed



Thank you to all that brought in baked goodies for the bake sale! It was a great success.

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

8:30 AM Service
24. McCuddin Family

11:00 AM Service
24. Simpson Family

24. 5:00 PM Candle Light Service Noack Family



Children's Christmas Program

I want to thank all who attended. Thank you, parents, for sharing your children with us for us to tell the story. I also want to thank Tricia Meendering and Wil George for putting this together and leading our children. Thank you to our education committee. Thank you to Meg George, Bill Boscaljon, & Sherri Morgan for sound & tech, as well to all our teachers who include Rachael Becker, Michelle Simpson, Breann Getting, Heath & Rosa Koerselman, Crystallyn Sterler, Sally Boscaljon, Paul & Krista Honermann, Ellie Meendering, Judy Nieuwenhuis, Becky Tatsumi, Erin Anderson, and Mike Molettiere. I appreciate all your time, and love you put into this program and into our children. Jesus really is the reason for the season.

~ Children's Ministry Coordinator, Michelle Noack



KIWA is a ministry service to our community that airs the worship at 11:00 AM each week. This week our sponsor is Mark, Julie, and Elle Becker, in honor of Tanner.

This week's scripture is:
Luke 1:26-38



Youth Soup Fundraiser
The Youth Council can't thank you enough for the wonderful turn out for the soup and grilled cheese lunch fundraiser! The money collected will go to help with future mission trips.

Faith Community Church

8:30 Traditional Service

December 24, 2023

4th Sunday Advent

Lighting of Candles

Words of Welcome

Rev. Kevin Gingerich

Hymn #153 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (vs.1)

Lighting of Advent Candle of Peace

Mike McCuddin Family

**Hymn #153 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (v.2)

**Call To Worship

Leader: Perhaps we have heard this story so many times that we take Mary's response for granted. However, surely all of heaven must have held its breath as the angels waited for the answer. Our "Yes" to God means more if there is the possibility of saying, "No." God has been waiting for your "Yes" all Advent — all of time, really.

People: Here we are, servants of the Lord; let it be with us according to your word!

Leader: This day you can say "Yes" to God's assignment. Open your heart to the call.

People: Here we are, servants of the Lord; let it be with us according to your word!

**Hymn #184 “What Child Is This”

Children’s Message

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

**Hymn #192 “Mary, Did You Know”

**Doxology (Hymn #34)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: Wait Watchers - “Why Mary? Why Me?”

**Hymn #188 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**Closing Prayer

**All who are able are invited to stand.

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Candlelight

Scripture: Luke 2:1-14

Sermon: Worth The Wait

Next Week: 1 Service at 10:00 a.m.

December 31: Pastor Marvin Lindley