10:30am Contemporary Service

WELCOME		
ADVENT WREATH	The Candle of Hope	The Ellenbaum Family
SONG	"Light the Advent Candle"	*TFWS*#2090 (vs.1)
PRAISE SINGING	"Living Hope" "Even So, Come" Time of Prayer "What A Beautiful Name"	Good News Worship Team
GREETING & MEMORY VERSE		
CHILDREN INVITED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH *This option is for children Pre-K through Grade 5. Kids can stay in worship or go to Children's Church.*		
OFFERING		
SCRIPTURES	Jeremiah 33:1-16 and Isaiah 64:1-4	
MESSAGE	"A Tiny Thrill of Hope"	Pastor Stephanie
PRAYER		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"O Come, O Come"	Good News Worship Team
ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
BLESSING		

Memory Verse

"Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him." -Isaiah 64:4

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November 29, 2026

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

8:30am Traditional Service

GATHERING	"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist Cry"	Martha Sobaje
PRELUDE	"Of The Father's Love Begotten"	James Southbridge
ADVENT WREATH	The Candle of Hope	The Kroneman Family
SONG	"Light the Advent Candle"	*TFWS*#2090 (vs.1)
WELCOME		
*OPENING SONG	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	*UMH*#196 (3 verses)
*MEMORY VERSE		

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SCRIPTURES	Jeremiah 33:1-16 and Isaiah 64:1-4	
MESSAGE	"A Tiny Thrill of Hope"	Pastor Stephanie
MESSAGE SONG	"O Holy Night"	(on screen)
PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "sins")		*UMH*#894
OFFERING		
SPECIAL MUSIC	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Mark Hayes
*DOXOLOGY	"Thank You Lord"	

"Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. Thank you, Lord, for making me whole.
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so rich and free."

*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING SONG	"Joy to the World"	*UMH*#246 (vs.1-4)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"Lo How A Rose"	Michael Praetorius

***Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.**
***Special music performed by Denise Tompkin**

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor
Jim Klepper, Director of Connections & Growth
Clancy Craven, Assoc. Director of Connections & Growth
Fant Steele, Media Technology Coordinator

Mike Aakre, Office Administrator
Stephanie Mettler, Youth Director
Pam Wright, Choir Director
Tom Burson, Organist

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 29
8:15am Prayer for Worship
8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)
10:30am Contemporary Worship Service (Children's Church)

Monday, November 30
1:00pm Sewing Circle (Room 223)

Tuesday, December 1
6:30pm SPR Team (Fireside Room)

Wednesday, December 2
5:00pm Wednesday Night Meal
6:15pm Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
7:30pm Handbell Practice (Room 223)

Thursday, December 3
9:00am Bible Story Time (Children's Library)
6:00pm Meal hosting at Dorothy Day House
7:00pm Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 4
11:00am Older Folders (Fireside Room)
6:00pm Youth Group

Saturday, December 5
1:00pm Cookies for the Homebound (Kitchen/Dinette)

Sunday, December 6
8:15am Prayer for Worship
8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship Service (Children's Church)
4:00pm *The Chosen Season 6* Watch Party (Roger & Janet Guderian's)

Upcoming events, holidays & special Sundays:
Fri., Dec. 11 Youth Christmas Party
Sun., Dec. 13 Christmas Program
Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Fri., Dec. 25 Christmas Day (Church Closed)
Fri., Jan. 1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)

Today at Evangel

- Today we welcome Pastor Stephanie, Evangel's Director of Youth Ministry. Pastor David is on vacation but will be back next Sunday and begin his Advent series, "Journey to Bethlehem."

- **The 2026 Giving Tree – Through December 13**
  Share Christ's love this Christmas by participating in Evangel's Giving Tree, helping families in need this holiday season. Choose a gift tag from the tree in the Lobby, purchase and wrap the gift, and return it with the tag—or make a monetary donation by check (memo: Giving Tree) or cash in a labeled envelope. All gifts and donations are due by Sunday, December 13.

- **Sign Up to Light the Advent Wreath**
  Each week we'll light a candle on the Advent wreath, representing the hope, peace & joy of the season. Individuals and families are encouraged to participate in a Sunday morning service to light the candle and read scripture. Sign up today in the Lobby or call the church office.

Next Week at Evangel

Advent Series: "Journey to Bethlehem"
Christmas is a story of leaving, NOT staying home. Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem, shepherds leave their fields, the Magi travel from the East, and angels come to earth with the Christmas message. Most importantly, Jesus leaves His heavenly home to come to us. This series explores how Christmas calls us beyond our comfort zones to go out, sha re the good news, and follow God boldly into the new year.

Message: Journey to Bethlehem: "Leaving Home for Christmas"
So much of planning for Christmas is getting ready to "be home for Christmas," in the variety of ways that can mean. Yet, the story of the first Christmas was really about leaving home for Christmas! Next Sunday we'll start packing so we can leave behind our less-than-desired lives in order to embrace the new plan and future God introduces at Christmas!

***The Chosen Season 6* Watch Party at Roger and Janet Guderians'**
Sunday, December 6: Episodes 5 &6 • call the church for address • Meal provided

Announcements

Cookies for the Homebound
Sat., Dec. 5 • 1–4pm • Kitchen & Dinette • Class size is limited to 12 participants
Each participant is asked to bring 2 dozen homemade cookies without nuts. We'll frost and decorate cut-out cookies, enjoy holiday drinks & treats, and share a Christmas devotion. To sign up, click the link in the midweek update or sign up on the bulletin board next to Room 223.

Youth Group Christmas Party – Friday, December 11
Join us for a festive Youth Group Christmas Party! Evangel will provide kabobs, and youth are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll also enjoy a White Elephant gift exchange! Participation is optional, but those who wish to join should bring a youth-appropriate gift valued at $15 or less.

5th Annual Intergenerational Christmas Program – Sunday, December 13
You are invited for a full day of Christmas celebration! We'll begin with one combined worship service at 10:30am featuring music, carols, and our Children's Christmas Pantomime. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat brunch at 11:30am, followed by Creation Stations, crafts, cookie decorating, and our annual indoor snowball fight at noon. At 1:15pm, we'll wrap up the day with Christmas caroling to Evangel's homebound. Come celebrate the joy of Christmas together!

Custodian Needed
With Sue Long's retirement at the end of 2026, Evangel is seeking a part-time custodian. The position is approximately 20 hours per week. Interested in learning more? Please contact the church office at 507-289-4817. Someone will follow up with you to discuss the position's responsibilities, requirements, and answer any questions you may have.

Prayer Concerns
- Michael Stelck has Covid and is in quarantine until Dec. 5.

Continued Prayers
- Vandela Hicks-Scherer - ongoing concerns
- Janet Hoar - mobility issues
- Tanner Hommerding - college student
- Cooper Hull - college student
- Paula Jackson – disability
- Paul Johnson - mobility issues
- Donna Jorgenson - mobility issues
- James Warner - college student
- Jeva Kennedy - multiple ongoing issues
- Remona Kisrow - mobility issues

Message Notes