

V2 And let us light the first Advent candle to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

V3 The second candle tells us of the love of his family.

V4 And the third candle is for the angels who brought the good news of Jesus' birth.

(Light the three purple candles.)

V1 Let us pray: Thank you, God, for the good news that Jesus, our Savior, is born. Amen.

JR. CHOIR ANTHEM "The Angel Band" *Gallina*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

(Afterwards, kids age 3 through Grade 5 are welcome to go to J4J.)

*HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" p. 240 (*verse 1*)

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Advent Meditation" *Liebergen*
Flute: Rosa Fox

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "The Angels' Gift: Joy"

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" *Handel*

The Christmas Poinsettias on the altar today are in loving memory of Robert S. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sidler, and Howard & Mildred Sidler, by Nina S. Johnson and Susan Darling.

Friendly NURSERY CARE for pre-school children is available anytime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is located downstairs at the east end of the building.

We heartily welcome all visitors here this morning and hope you will return to worship with us again! Please sign the guest book by the front door.

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? Today from 6:00-7:30 p.m., we will walk through the village singing at homes and then return to the church for cookies & hot chocolate. Kids & adults are welcome! Please bring a flashlight with you.

Monday, Dec. 24, we will have three **Candlelight Christmas Eve Services**. During each service, the story of Jesus' birth will be told through scripture, anthems, drama, and favorite carols. Pastor Dan will preach on "Sing the Songs of Christmas." Each service will end with candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

5:30 p.m. will be a family service featuring the Junior Choir & Bell Ringers, with our J4J Sunday School kids presenting the nativity drama. Child care provided.

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir & Adult Bell Ringers. Child care provided.

11:00 p.m. Christmas Choir. Everyone is welcome to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

FAITH HOME: Each week we list an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. Create a paper chain with each link listed an answer to prayer. Use it to decorate your tree.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Gladys MacIntyre; Kurt & Sue Manske; Adam & Erin, Elizabeth Marshall; Gary & Kathy Marshall.

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** has started. Tags are located in the back of the sanctuary detailing gifts to be purchased, wrapped and brought back to church. A sign-up poster is also in the back of the sanctuary to sign up for food items to be included in our giving. Very Important!!! All food items and gifts (wrapped with the gift tag attached) must be returned to church no later than **Friday, December 21**, for sorting and distributing (note this new date for the collection). Please call Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

Here's an idea to save a little time (and money): deliver your Christmas cards to church friends using their mail folders. We have mail folders located in the fellowship hall by the choir room for each person who is a church officer. Please be sure you check your folder if you have one—you don't want to miss out on Christmas greetings!

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00 -7:30 p.m. All Church Christmas Caroling
(including MS and HS Youth Groups)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday – 3:20-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday – 9:00 a.m. Angel Tree Deadline

Sun. Dec. 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent; Blanket Sunday

9:00 a.m. Hymn Handbell Rehearsal

9:15 a.m. MS & HS Youth/Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: “The Shepherds’ Gift: Faith” Luke 2: 15-20
J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children’s Sunday School)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time; Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal
No MS Youth Group

Mon. Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship-Jr. Choir & Drama

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Chancel Choir & Adult Handbells

10:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Christmas Solos & Handbells

Tues. Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas! Church Offices Closed; No Jr. Choir

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Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore

Pastor's Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin

Organist: Jan McDorman

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

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Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker

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Hymn Handbells & Jr. Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

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