

December

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4327 MORNINGSIDE AVENUE

SIOUX CITY, IOWA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 am Rebecca Circle 7:00 Gambler's Anon	3 8:30 Men's Club 5-7 Just for Kix	4 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	5
6 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion 1-4 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	7 5-7 Just for Kix	8	9 7:00 pm Zoom Choir practice 7:00 Gambler's Anon	10 8:30 Men's Club 9:30 am Esther Bible Study 5-7 Just for Kix	11 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	12 1:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony
13 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	14 5-7 Just for Kix 7 pm Session	15	16 FAITH UP DEADLINE 7:00 Gambler's Anon	17 8:30 Men's Club 4:00 pm Deacons 5-7 pm Just for Kix 7:00 pm Scouts	18 10:00 am PW Coordinating team 12:00 pm PW Gathering 8:00 pm Closed AA 8:00 pm Al-Anon	19
20 10:30 am Worship Service 1-4 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	21 5-7 Just for Kix 7:00 CE Meeting	22 7:00 pm Lydia circle	23 7:00 Gambler's Anon	24 8:30 Men's Club Office closed at noon 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS Office closed	26
27 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Women's AA 8:00 pm Open AA	28 5-7 Just for Kix	29	30 7:00 Gambler's Anon	31 8:30 Men's Club 5-7 Just for Kix 7:00 pm Scouts		



December 20, 2020

10:30 A.M.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS

We are thankful that you have chosen to worship with us today.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
4th Sunday In Advent

GATHERING:

PRELUDE: Mary Anderson; Organist

WELCOME: Paul Hansen; Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Luke 1:46-55)

My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For the Mighty One has done great things, and holy is God's name.

God's mercy is for those who fear him.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen, to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,

to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle, we pray for hope, peace, love, and joy.

Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Love.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Light One Candle To Watch For Messiah" v.4

PRAYER:

*HYMN OF LIGHT: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #9

1 O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discourse cease; fill the whole world with heavenly peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

PER CAPITA FOR 2021 is \$42.48

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

BACK PACKS Come join us for Back Packs Monday 1/4/21 6:00 pm at the Food Bank. Masks are required. Please contact Becky Bainbridge if you will be joining us or for any questions.

THANK YOU A great big Thank You to all the people that sent cards, phone calls or told me in person, Happy Birthday on my 90th birthday. I have never gotten that many cards before. Thanks again for such good friends. *Elgerd Arnett*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you have a Prayer Request, please fill out the blue “My Prayer Request” card that is in the pew and pass them to the ushers during the second hymn.

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER MEMBERS Dave & Sue LeGree & family, Helen Lehnertz, Pat Lewis, Gary & Karen Lien, Kirk Lien, Beth Lindgren & family

THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS Brady Berkenpas(12/22), Brian Hansen(12/22), Helen Lehnertz(12/23)

THIS WEEK’S ANNIVERSARIES Bob & Vina Rodecker(12/20)

MINISTER: Dave Koehler
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Teri McCallum
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Ellen Osborn
ORGANIST: Pat Herbold
PIANIST/ORGANIST: Mary Anderson
CHILDREN’S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Sonja Floyd
GREETER–
USHERS – Skip Trout*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn
LITURGIST - Paul Hansen
NURSERY ATTENDANT - Tina Hansen
OFFERING COUNTERS - Connie Sponder & Tina Hansen

*Usher Captain.
NEXT WEEK’S
USHERS: Zach Gould
OFFERING COUNTERS: Linda Puttmann

Please turn your cell phones off or at least silence them. Thank you.

CALL TO CONFESS OUR SIN:

UNISON CONFESSION:
Faithful God, an angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!” And yet, O Lord, we find ourselves paralyzed by fear of what and who we are called to be and do. We know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you, only to discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We want to repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. O Lord, and give us the faith of Mary to respond to your grace with lives of grateful praise. Let us hear the good news that she first heard: Light is breaking. Love is coming. The world is about to turn! Amen.

SILENT PRAYER:

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:
Friends, by the faith of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Blessed be the God of our salvation, whose mercy is everlasting.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Gloria, Gloria" #576
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

THE WORD READ: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” ⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,

¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Song Of Mary" Mark Hayes
Ellen Osborn; Director Of Music

CHILDREN'S TIME: Children's Presentation

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: “Advent 4” The Rev. David Koehler

RESPONDING

****AFFIRMING WHAT WE BELIEVE: Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18
God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized. Amen.***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Debts and Debtors)

SENDING

*HYMN: "Song Of Zechariah" #602
1. Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free; who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of rescue and release; God shall fulfill that promise and bring the gift of peace.

2. God from the house of David a child of grace has given; a Saviour comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the messenger of day.

3. On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness up on the sinner's eyes. God guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace. Oh bless our God and Saviour with songs that never cease!

CLOSING SENTENCES:

Let us not be afraid, for God is with us and will strengthen us in our journey through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!

We will magnify the Lord and rejoice, for nothing is impossible with God.

And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores, be with us as the journey continues.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE: