

IMPACT Sunday!

Prelude Janessa Ade

Welcome & Announcements Worship Leader: Jessica Dethloff

Christ's Light Enters Sanctuary #2164
Candlelighters: Taryn Mosher, Samantha Terrill

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: The Candle of Faith

The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth, distress among nations. People will faint from fear and foreboding." (from Luke 21:25-36)

Because our world is full of fear and distress, we light our first candle, trusting that Christ is alive on earth and that the Spirit of Christ lives among us.

(Light the first candle)

Living Christ, give us faith to trust you.

We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.

**(Please stand as you are able)*

*Call to Worship

There are different kinds of gifts, **But the spirit remains the same**
There are different kinds of service, **But the Lord remains the same**
There are different kinds of working
But the same God works all of them in all of us

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196

Opening Prayer Leader: Peyton Johnson
Heavenly Father, sometimes our gifts seem small or unimportant to the world. We pray that you lead us to no longer hide these gifts, but instead, I'll hold them up to You. Asking You to give us the strength and courage to use them in ways that delight Your heart. In your Son's name, Amen.

Children's Moment: Maddie Johnson

Sermon "The Gifts We Never Stop Giving" Allison Poore

Scripture 1 Peter 4: 10-11

Prayer Song "Here I Am" IMPACT Praise Band

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer Allison Poore
Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory "You Are Mine" #2218
Acadia Waterman, Aidan Poore, Abby Dooley, Haylee Terrill

Advent Doxology

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]** Leader: Peyton Johnson
All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these gifts we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place and the community that surrounds it. Show us how to use our gifts and this offering for the benefit of those in need. Amen

Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn** versus 1 & 2
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Our Purpose

What is our purpose? **To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

Benediction

Postlude

UPDATED 740 Prayer Initiative
(Thank you for stepping up your prayers for our congregation! Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do. Where did we come up with the number 740? It is our street address number. If you can't pray at 7:40, choose another time. The important thing is that we are praying!)

Scriptures for prayer: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9.

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us" Ephesians 3:20.

Please pray that God continues to work in our hearts and through the work of our hands so that others may also come to experience Christ's love. Pray that God would lead us and equip us for the living out of our purpose (what we repeat at the end of each service). And pray that God help each of us to be a follower of Christ committed to living a life of worship & hospitality, a life of opening our heart to the Holy Spirit, and a life of service & generosity. Pray for those who are seated around you in worship, whether you know them by name or not. Remember to lift up the need of our community and world. Pray the news: as you listen to the news of each day pray about each situation.

Give thanks to God! "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today.

Jesus changes lives!

Lucille Blecha
Gerald Campbell
Judy Condray
Emily Sporer
Bill Valcoure



Meet in the upper parking lot at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 9th, for Christmas Caroling around Concordia and the local care facilities. Caroling will be followed by a soup supper.

Events this week in church:

Sunday, December 2nd

IMPACT Sunday

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, December 4th

- 7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, December 5th

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Thursday, December 6th

- 12:00 pm UMW Potluck

Sunday, December 9th

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 3:00 pm Caroling

Food & Toys are needed for The Cloud County Resource Center Holiday Baskets. Please drop your donations in the food box by December 9th.

Noisy Offerings on December 2nd & December 9th go to CCRC for Holiday Baskets.



Sunday, Dec. 16th
Christmas Program
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Monday, Dec. 24th
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service



Please bring a finger food to share.

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 2nd
4:00 pm



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