

Prelude Pam Campbell

Welcome & Announcements
Worship Leader: Jessica Dethloff

Christ's Light Enters

Introit "I Wish I'd Been in Bethlehem" Choir
*(Please stand as you are able)

***Call to Worship**

God calls us now in this Christmas season to become new,
**to make room for our own nativity, even where there is no room
at the inn.**

Where we are busy -

Peace.

Where we are lost -

Salvation.

Where we are sad -

Joy.

Where we are bitter -

Love.

Let this hour be a time to hope for all these gifts of God.

***Opening Hymn** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

Opening Prayer

**Ever Present and Loving God, in this week after Christmas Day,
our celebration of you coming to us as a tiny baby continues.
May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts be
acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer! Amen.**

The Psalm Psalm 148 #861
Liturgist: Lynnette Saltzman

Anthem "Nobody Knew This Little Child" Choir

Children's Moment: Angie Gabel-McConkey

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 RSV

Message "Time" Beth Whisler

Prayer Song "All I Need is You" #2080

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer #895

The Offering

Doxology #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

**Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season. We are
grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into
the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous
sharing among us, for the sake of all your children everywhere.
Amen.**

***Closing Song** "The First Noel" vs 1-3 #245

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

Benediction Response "Pass It Along" Choir

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!

Gerald Campbell

Family of Nita Lambert Culley

Taryn Mosher

Family of Sherrie Radcliffe

Emily Sporer

Bill Valcoure

Waterman Family

Marti Valek Wilber

Jean Wilcox



**Monday,
December 31st
Regular Hours**

**Tuesday,
January 1st
Office Closed**

Events this week in church:

Sunday, December 30th

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

Wednesday, January 2nd

6:30 pm Finance (special meeting)

Holiday Week - No Regular Activities

Thursday, January 3rd

9:30 am Morning Cluster @ Heavy's

Saturday, January 5th

11:00 am 30 Hour Famine begins

Sunday, January 6th

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

11:30 am Un-Hanging of the Greens

Missions Tree

We are still collecting the following items for the Concordia Elementary School through

January 6th:

New and Gently Used Coats, Pants, and Sweatpants for boys and girls (sizes 5 – 12)

New and Gently Used Shoes for boys

New Underwear for boys and girls (sizes 5 – 12)

New Socks for boys and girls

The Adult Table Talk class will take a hiatus until Lent begins in March. Watch for details in later announcements.



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