

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 24, 2021**

PRESERVICE

- * *In Bleak Midwinter* Arr. Martin
* *Tidings of Joy* Rachel Sebastian– clarinet Arr. Larson
* *Mary Did You Know* Arr. Raney

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

HYMN Red hymnal #283 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

5:00 P.M. BELLS *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Arr. Organ

7:30 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR *My Heart, Your Bethlehem*
Arr. Ruth Elane Schram

READING FROM Isaiah 9:2-7

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

HYMN Red hymnal #296 *What Child Is This*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS Pastor Dale Schaefer

5:00 P.M. BELLS

Still, Still, Still

Arr. Organ

7:30 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR

Away in a Manger

Arr. Greg Albright

RECEIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

CAROLS DURING DISTRIBUTION

Red hymnal #282

#289

#300

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Angels We Have Heard on High

The First Noel

BLESSING

P: Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

CANDLE LIGHTING

A READING FROM John 1

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

HYMN Red hymnal #281

Silent Night

C: **Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin Mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts . . . sing, alleluia! Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: Grace from God's own heart, peace from the + Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #267

Joy to the World

DISMISSAL

P: Glory to God in the highest! Christ is born!
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Arr. Albrecht

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Dan & Linda Holt in memory of loved ones.*

In Helpful Service This Evening

	5:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.
Pastor	Dale Schaefer	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	Covert & Maureen Holley	Jack & Sharon Byrd

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Total Attendance: 12/18 & 12/19: 161

Unified Giving: \$10,219.60

Building Fund: \$300.00

TREASURER'S REPORT: October 2021

Unified Giving: \$16,328.25

Expenses: \$20,783.21

Building Fund Giving : \$ 1,602.29

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance: \$23,250.43

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of October 2021, on the table as you leave worship. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS

12/25—Christmas Day—No worship—Merry Christmas!

12/26—10:00 Worship—no Sunday School

12.31—New Year's Eve—office closed

1/1/22—Happy New Year!—No 5:00 pm Worship

1/3/22—10:00 Worship—No Sunday School

1/8/22—5:00 pm Worship

1/9/22—9:00 am Sunday School, 10 am Worship

POINSETTIA'S may be picked up after the worship service tonight. Order forms will be available in the sacristy if you need to check what you ordered. All Poinsettias must be picked up no later than January 2nd.

MISSION OF THE MONTH / The Good Samaritan Fund assists individuals with utility bill help, rental assistance, gas, an emergency hotel stay etc. No cash is given to the individual. We help in the form of a check to the a utility or rental company. A gas card only good for fuel is given when needed by an individual. For a hotel stay we work out an agreement with the person in charge. For food assistance we refer them to the Food Pantry. We do keep a list of individuals and their request in order to control repetitive requests.

FLOWER CHART

The 2020 Flower Chart has been posted. Please write your name under “presented by”. You may also write a message to go in the bulletin (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of . . . anniversary, birthday, graduation, special event etc.) on the chart. Altar flowers are ordered from Always Blooming and are \$40.00 for two vases. Color preference may also be requested. Payment can be put in your offering envelope (designate “altar flowers”).

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up in the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order and can be taken home today. **Please do not use the envelopes until the first Sunday in January 2nd).** New numbers have been assigned to some of the boxes. If you choose the designation of “other” on the offering envelope please write where you would like the money to go (ex. Flowers, Good Samaritan fund, Youth fund etc.)

PLEASE JOIN US for worship on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday mornings at 10:00. Sunday School class for children and adults will resume on January 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS for Zion’s prayer chain may be submitted using a ‘Prayer Request’ card from the pew rack.

Staff

Dale Schaefer, *Pastor*; Lori Sebastian, *Organist*;
Choir Directors; Bill Jones & Susie Gray
Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*; Linda Short, *Office Manager*;
Susan Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia's are given to the honor and glory of God by

Gloria Bilbay in memory of Robert Bilbay and in honor of his son Chad and his children.
in honor of Tami Hahn and her son Luke
in honor of daughter Debra & husband Doug and grandchildren Daphne, Emma & Zeb
in honor of daughter Elaine & husband Matt and grandchildren Alex, Nick & Lauren
in honor of Stephen Staie and children Devon, Rosalind & Ainsley
in honor of Fred Staie and grandchildren

Miriam Comer in memory of loved ones
Sue Coon in memory of Gary Coon and in honor of children and grandchildren
Billie Fischer in memory of Fred Fischer
Pastor Jeff & Jackie Glawe in memory of our daughter Jordan Elizabeth Glawe
Susie Gray in memory of Allen & Lodema Gray and in honor of the Kennedy Family
Gary & Kathy Groth in honor of our 52nd Wedding Anniversary
Maureen Holley
Brad & Jamie Kennedy in memory of Dean Kennedy and Sandy Warkman
Bob & Deb Keppel in memory of Anne Keppel and our parents and in honor of Linda Holt
Barbra Kruse in memory of loved ones
Tom & Alice Replogle
Chuck & Erma Swanson in memory of Chuck & Erma's Parents and Erma's brother and sister.
Randy & Debbie Turner in memory of our daughter Leslie
Tom & Bab Wesbecher in honor of our grandchildren—Nathan, Sophia, Ada, Eli, Addyson and Kayden