

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Unison Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us Back into the World to Witness and Serve

Closing Hymn “Soon and Very Soon” vv. 1&2
#551 in the red hymnal

Benediction

Postlude “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

-Franklin Ritter, from a song by Philipp Nicolai

*Please stand if able

Ushers: Clyde Berry, Hareld Dills

Lay Readers: Jean Bluhm, J. Vander Stoep

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pray for the Women’s Bible Study.

Please Remember in Prayer:

- Phyllis Crawford asks for continued prayers for Ashley.
- The Hensley family asks prayers for strength.
- Help each one of us to find a quiet place in our busy lives to focus on the Reason for the Season.

Continued Prayers: Buck Hubbert, Virgil Bluhm, Sally Nehring, Barbara Wahl, Wilma Brown, Nathan Hensley, Kathy Dowd, Chuck Bode, Gordon Shewfelt, Vi McGregor, Herb McDougall, Doris Crawford, Nels Hadden, Meri Bretthauer, Llois Coplan, Melodee Bailey, Ernie Dickason, Millie Lofberg, Nancy Rockwell, Jeff Smith, Clint Lemmon, Elizabeth Duncan, Leira Mann, Nauna Mattis, Ashley Farr, Anita and for Peg Warren. *-please send updates to the church office.*



December 4, 2016

“Glorifying God and Reflecting the Love of Jesus Christ to the World.”

God Calls Us to Be Present in Worship

Prelude “Reflection on an Ancient Playing Song”
- arr. by Michael Ryan, adapted from 15th century playing song

Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
“Peace be within you.”**

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

**People: Our feet are standing with your gates, O Jerusalem.
Peace be within your walls.**

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Song of Praise “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” vv. 1&2
#128 in the red hymnal

Prayer of Confession

O God, you judge your people with righteousness; we judge our neighbors either right or wrong. Your Servant defended the cause of the poor; it is because of our greed that many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressor, but we raise up idols in his stead. Make us mindful of your dominion, how you rule while sun and moon endure. May we bow down before you and pay you the tribute that you are due.

Pardon and the Peace

Welcome and Life of the Church

God Speaks to Us in Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading Romans 15:4-13
p.163 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Blessing of the Children

New Testament Lesson Matthew 1:6-11
p.1 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Sermon “The Jesse Tree and Peace” Pastor Ed Wegele

God Calls for a Response

Hymn of Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vv. 1 & 3
#141 in the red hymnal

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Offertory “Be Comforted, My People”
- by Lani Smith

Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.