

MORNING WORSHIP

Pastor: *Rev. John S. Carpenter*

Choir Director: *Millie Burton-Funk*

Worship Leader: *Louis Gerber*

Accompanist: *Jane DeKam*

Ushers: *George Pugh*

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Caleb & Elle Carlson

PRAISE IN MUSIC 240 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 40:3-5*

One: A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the LORD;

ALL: Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

One: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

ALL: The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

One: And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.

ALL: For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

Hidden deep inside us, O God, is a yearning to see your face, to feel your love, to know your acceptance. Yet we cover up this desire and think we can make it on our own. We try success and submerge our best selves in work. We try activity and pride ourselves on full calendars and busy lives. Then along come the darkened skies of Advent, and the longing in our hearts rises to the surface. We want to be loved by God, for only God's love makes us whole, loosens us from frantic searching and grants us a peace beyond understanding. Holy God, let us enter into the mystery of your coming and find ourselves loved and forgiven.

TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN No. 255 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah* *Women's Choir*

* HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 166 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Ages 0-3 may go to the nursery; ages 4-8 go to Children's Church*)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pew Bible p. 593

SERMON

"Hope for the World"

* HYMN No. 287 v. 1-4 "A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER – *found on inside front cover of hymnal*

* HYMN No. 287 v.5 "A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE No. 290 v. 4 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;

And, when earthly things are past,

Bring our ransomed souls at last

Where they need no star to guide

Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

* POSTLUDE

Welcome to all this Lord's Day! Visitors, please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate. Child care is available throughout the service for children up to 3 years in the Nursery downstairs. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after our worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR *Dean Kennedy, Jim & Pat Lamp, Phyllis Petersen, Karen Cornwell, Rex Fisher, Katrina Armatis, Jeffery Swenson, Tim Bailey and the families of Nolan Henderson, Randy Ropp, and George Davis.*

SHARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY The collection box is now up in the Fellowship Hall. Let's overflow it with canned donations for the Sharing Hands Food Pantry in Brownsville! Garlic salt, salt & pepper, ketchup, mayonnaise, pickles, taco seasonings, cinnamon, and any other common holiday spices are in high demand this year. Consider adding these to your shopping list this holiday.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is in the Fellowship Hall. Select a tag that you feel you could fulfill. These are local, specific needs. Each tag must be accounted for, so please, when you take one (or more!), look for the white paper near the tree and sign your name and phone number next to the tag you took so we can be sure every Christmas wish comes true! Gifts are due back by **Sunday, December 9.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:30 PM followed by a fingerfood potluck. Please bring finger food to share. Invite your friends and family to this special night as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Want to help out? Please contact Paul Harmon for more information.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING If you are interested in helping organize a caroling event or would like to host carolers in your home after their "tour," contact Pastor John.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS Will be held after church today, December 2nd as well as Sunday, December 9th for about one hour. Please contact Paul Harmon if you have any questions, we hope to see you there!

* **COFFEE HOUR** is provided by **Ann Decker, Ruth Meyer, & Cheryl Pugh.**

* **FLOWERS** this morning are provided by

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER this morning is **Paul Harmon.**

CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT this morning is **Sarah Neuschwander.**

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS Celia Funk 12/2, Charlene Burke 12/3, Claudia Douglass 12/5, Grant Thompson 12/5, Brian Sinkbeil 12/6, Heidi Yeager 12/7, James Gerber 12/7, Gerry DeKam 12/8, Maggie Deuth 12/8, June Miller 12/8, Julie Tow 12/9, Jenny Booth 12/11, Karen Brayton 12/12, Lauren Hughey 12/12, Heston Setniker 12/13, Lily Pugh 12/14, Norma Stenson 12/15.

* *Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for future Sundays.*



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