

Service Of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Musical Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn *Angels From the Realms of Glory* #94

*Time of Greeting/Striking of the Hour

*Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let us thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to His children.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Special Music *John Godfrey & Patricia Thomas*

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

Symbolism Of the Advent Wreath: Dale and Cheri Stansell

The wreath is round, with no beginning or end, testifying to the eternity of God's creation, of His love and care for mankind. The wreath is of evergreen, recalling that our faith, our hope, and our love are always alive when they spring from God and His Son. The candles represent the one who said, "I am the light of the world." There are four candles, each representing a Sunday in Advent, and a fifth candle, which is the Christmas candle.

The Lighting of The First Advent Candle

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

CONGREGATION: Why do we light one candle?

Leader: This first candle reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had in their expectation of a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.

UNISON: Isaiah the Prophet wrote: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined."

*Hymn of Preparation *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #89

***UNISON PRAYER:** Dear God, our world is in darkness. We need the light of hope and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and our homes to receive the One who said, "I am the light of the world." We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

Morning Prayer

Children depart for Children's Worship Time

Christmas Reflection

Dr. Eric Burmahl

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

By

James Dixon Kimball

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

He Is Born

Away in a Manger

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Holy Night

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Angels We Have Heard on High

CHOIR

Soprano

Shannon Godfrey

Glenna Hess

Abigail Johnson

Carrie Johnson

Barbara Norris

Judy Watson

Alto

Mary Griffin

Beth Haas

Brittany Jackson

Rachel McKenzie

Jackie Thomas

Tenor

Andrew Jackson

Joy Murphy

Daryl Perry

Julie Southwick

Bass

Jeremy Currin

John Haas

Keaton Haas

Ayden Jackson

David Jordan

Michael Tannenbaum

INSTRUMENTALISTS

First Violin –Karen Huey

Second Violin – Debbie White

Viola –Emily Troutman

Cello – Elizabeth Crandall

Cello/Bass – Jessica Dunham

Piano – John Godfrey

Organ – Patricia Thomas

Director – Earl Murphy

The Nativity Arrangement on the Altar today is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lawton and Mary Maddox.

Melvin and Margaret Phillips are lovingly remembered with the arrangement by the Choir Room.
Joy P. and Earl Murphy

Sunday: 10:00 Sunday School
10:55 **Worship Service**
4:00-5:00 **Youth**

Monday: 7:00 Cub Scouts

Tuesday: 10:00 Learn and Lunch

6:30 **Board of Deacons meeting**

Wednesday 6:30 Bible Study movie night

7:00 **Boy Scouts**



If you would like to give a **poinsettia** in honor or in memory of someone, please let Mary Griffin know by **Sunday, December 3**. There are forms in the Narthex. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 10 and 17.

Beginning today, the Deacons will again offer the **Christmas Card Exchange** program for Shallow Well folks. Just bring your cards **addressed to other Shallow Well attendees**, and place them in the box in the Narthex. Then check the box each week to pick up cards addressed to you. There will be a jar for donations of postage that you saved and the proceeds will go to the Deacon's Fund to help those in need. This is a good way to wish your Church Family a very Merry Christmas.

The food item for December is macaroni and cheese. The food back at CUOC is extremely low. Let us fill our box in the Narthex with food to help the hungry have a great Christmas.

The Youth will be putting on a program on Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. The name of the play is Wow! There will be a special guest afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite heavy snack dish to share after the play.

Everyone is invited to come and go **caroling on Wednesday, December 20** at 3:30. We will leave the Church parking lot and visit some of our church members who are not able to come to Church. We will meet back at the Fellowship Building for refreshments.

The Mission's Committee has placed **angels on the Angel Tree** in the Narthex. Please choose one and make someone's Christmas merry and bright.

Deacon: Brittany Griffin

Next Sunday: John Haas

Greeters: Joyce Billings, Wendy McNeill, Patsy Thomas, Pam Gunter.

Next Week: Lynn Brey, Layton Griffin, Phyllis Watson, Lily Currin.

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