THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 20, 2015

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m.

We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God. His Spirit inspires us and directs our fellowship with each other and with Him. May you find the joy of God’s love and grace as we share this time together.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 23:5-6
New Testament Reading – I John 4:7-16

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Follow the Star of Bethlehem

arr. Lamb

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

HYMN NO. 102

The Birthday of a King

NEIDLINGER

WHITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

During this hymn, we ask that all class representatives bring their White Christmas items to the altar area and place in the basket.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Jeff Allen

HYMN NO. 85

The First Nowell

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HYMN NO. 102

The Birthday of a King

NEIDLINGER

HYMN NO. 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Leavitt

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ST. LOUIS

PRAIRIE OUTBACK

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OFFERTORY

How Great is Our Joy

Lori Cogdill

arr. Page

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Gifts of Advent

THE FIRST GIFT: HOPE

Music: Almost There

Bill Hinson

arr. Sorenson

Mary, full of innocence, carrying the Holy Prince, you’re almost there, you’re almost there.

Mother of the Living Word, trusting in the voice you heard, you’re almost there, you’re almost there.

You’re almost where the angels see redemption’s plan unfolding. All hope is in the Son you’ll bear. You’re almost there.

A lonely road, a willing heart, prayer for strength to do your part; you’re almost there, you’re almost there.

THE SECOND GIFT: PEACE

Music: Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

Kent Hobson

Hagenberg

Sweetest music, softly stealing through the silence of the night; To the shepherds, now revealing, Christ is born the Son of light. Glory unto God, the Father who has sent His only Son.

That He may all the nations gather round His feet and make them one.

Shepherds, to the stable hasten, there your Savior Christ is born, Son of Mary lovely maiden, on this first glad Christmas morn!

He from highest heaven descending comes on earth your woes to heal, That your every want attending. Love of God He may reveal.

THE THIRD GIFT: JOY

Music: Christmas Angels

Mary Keltner

arr. Leavitt

Christmas angels sing all around us, spread good tidings over the earth, telling of the Child in a manger who is born.

He is the King of kings.

King of glory, hope for all nations, sent to earth to save and redeem, Prince of Peace behold and adore;

The Son of God has come to set us free.

Those who are able are asked to stand.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We sing: Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Joy to the world, He is here forever and always.

Christ is born the Son of light.

Christmas angels sing all around us, all creation hears what they say.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Bow before Him, Come and behold the Son of God, born on Christmas day.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

THE FOURTH GIFT: LOVE

Music: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Kim Jones

arr. Hagenberg

Bell Peal on “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

PRAIRIE OUTBACK

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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RESPONSE

Dance of the Stars

Krogstadt

O let the stars this night rejoice, and lift their bright celestial voice! The dancing stars shine down on earth to celebrate a Baby’s birth! Dancing stars, twinkling lights, heaven is filled with wonder tonight!

Alleluia! Holy light, born tonight; let the dance begin!

Now look to heaven and one bright star, it sheds its light both near and far. Listen as the angels sing; see the dance o’er Bethlehem! Dancing stars, twinkling lights, heaven is filled with wonder tonight!

Alleluia! Holy light, born tonight; let the dance begin!

O let the stars look down tonight and shed their brilliant, holy light! Tonight is born our Hope and our Joy.

O let the stars’ dances employ! Dancing stars, twinkling lights, heaven is filled with wonder tonight!

Alleluia! Holy light, born tonight; let the dance begin!

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Moser

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today
9:00 a.m.
Re:Creation Worship Service
9:45
Sunday School
11:00
Morning Worship
“Christmas Without Them” Service
3:00 p.m.
Junior Coed Basketball
Senior Boys Basketball

Tuesday
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Junior Coed Basketball
7:30 – 9:00
Senior Boys Basketball

Wednesday
No Activities

Thursday
5:00 p.m.
Office Closed
Christmas Eve Service

Friday
Office Closed

Saturday
7:00 a.m.
A Men’s Bible Study

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Sheila Hutcherson
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Teresa Hill
Deacon of the Week
Lori Cagill

Love