

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "The Hills of Bethlehem" (Kendall)



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In every heart there lies a Bethlehem,

People: A place where joy shines with tender memories,

Leader: A place where angelic voices are clearer,

People: A place of wonder and awe, delight and calm,

Leader: A place where the humility of shepherds and the wisdom of Magi embrace.

People: In my heart, I prize my Bethlehem moments.

Leader: Come to Bethlehem, kneel in wonder,

People: As we worship with joyful songs of praise.

*OPENING CAROL "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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*UNISON INVOCATION

O God, too often in this season, waiting and spiritual preparation get shoved aside in favor of busy-ness and lists. Does the quiet joy of Advent even stand a chance amid such priorities? Let the sacredness of this space and the rejoicing of this hour hold us fast, so that we might leave, forever changed. Speak to us, in the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NLT)

ADVENT SONG "Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?" Praise Team

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY Louie & Pam Buschkill

RESPONSE **A candle is burning, a candle of Joy;** Tune: Away in a Manger
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

MORNING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And with you also.

One: Let us pray...

Morning Prayer, followed by The 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.

Organ Response

ANTHEM "African Noel" (Thomas) Traditional Choir

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Weaving Greensleeves" (Nishimura) Kerri Kappler, flute

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In this holy place, in this quiet moment, let us catch our breath, connect to Your Spirit and let joy take root in our hearts. Bless these gifts and continue to walk with us these days in joyful anticipation of Your Son's birth. Amen.

*SERMON CAROL "O Come, Little Children" # 103, v. 1-3

SERMON **JOY: AN INSIDE JOB**

*CLOSING CAROL "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" # 116, v. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: AZMON
The love of God with peace and joy, will each of us attend,
and guide our ways through coming days, until we meet again.

*RINGING THE BELLS

*CLOSING MUSIC "How Great Our Joy" (Traditional)

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THE WEEK AHEAD...

TODAY - 12/11 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am Praise Singers
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
11:00 am Discovery Worship
12:15 pm Mission Trip Meeting

MONDAY - 12/12

8:00 am Headstart PS
7:00 pm 208 Reserved

TUESDAY - 12/13

8:00 am Headstart PS
8:00 am Weight Watchers
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
9:30 am 4C Play & Learn
3:00 pm Open Gym
5:15 pm Weight Watchers
5:30 pm Gym Reserved

WEDNESDAY - 12/14

8:00 am Headstart PS
3:00 pm Open Gym
5:15 pm Women at the Well Bible Study
5:30 pm Confirmation, Wednesday Night Youth
5:30 pm Gym Reserved
5:45 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Traditional Choir

THURSDAY - 12/15

8:00 am Headstart PS
3:00 pm Open Gym
5:30 pm Gym Reserved
5:45 pm Music Board
6:30 pm D/E/T Meet
7:00 pm Council Meeting

SATURDAY - 12/17

9:30 am JAM KIDS "Breakfast with Santa"
10:00 am Gym Reserved

SUNDAY - 12/18 - 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am Praise Singers
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
10:00 am Hospitality Team hosts Pictures with the Christmas Tree
11:00 am Discovery Worship
12:00 pm Hospitality Team hosts Pictures with the Christmas Tree
4:30 pm Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)
5:00 pm All Youth Christmas Party

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Today 9:00 am
& **S.S. Hour** Stacey Henderson
11:00 am Stacey Henderson & Janine Koehler

Dec 18 9:00 am
& **S.S. Hour** Stacey Henderson
11:00 am Stacey Henderson & Theresa Herrenbruck

GREETERS

Today 9:00 am Larry & Kathy Vonderahe
11:00 am Shannon Jackson, Karla Smith
Dec 18 9:00 am Kookie & Gary Ruminer
11:00 am Judy Batteiger, Judy Lockhart

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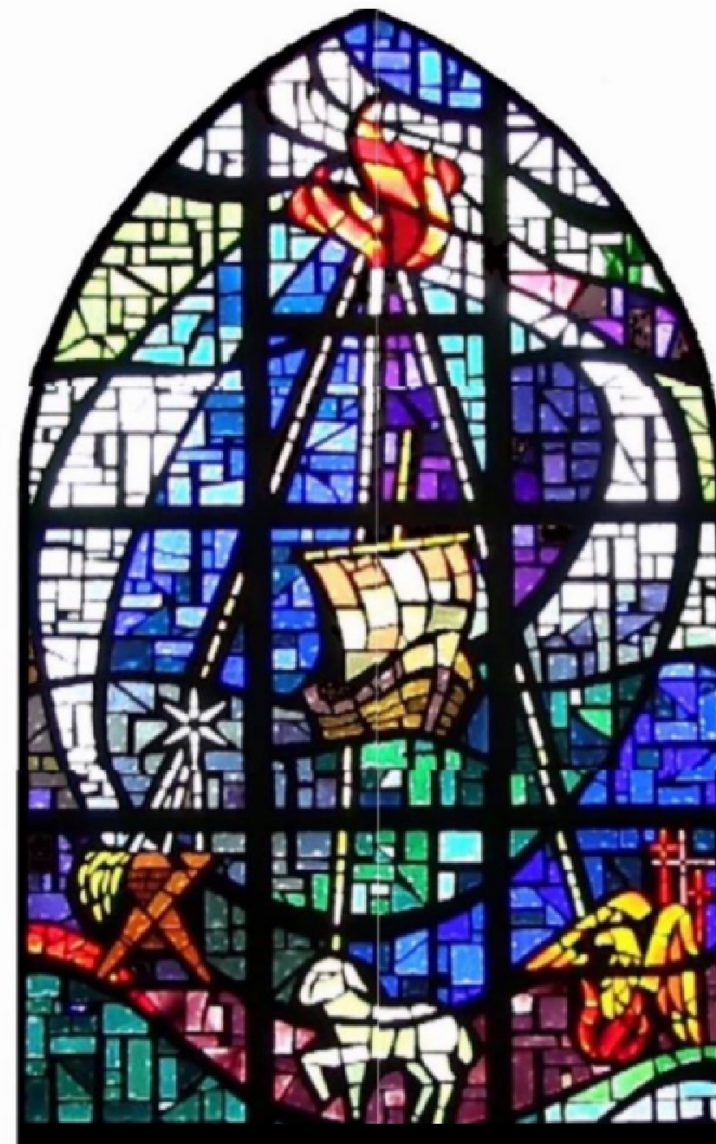
Dec 9:00 am Louis Buschkill, Captain; Bob Dreier
11:00 am Jacob Jackson, Captain; Keith Krietenstein, Mike O'Nan, Earl Smith

PRAYER CONCERNS

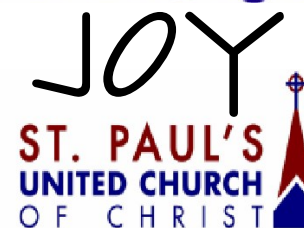
A complete list is posted on the entry bulletin board.

Richard Alvis
Orion Bays (Riley)
Brooke Bishop
Hazel Gathercole (home)
Shirley Kolb (Deaconess)
Mary McIntosh
Nancy Moore (Daryl Helfert's sister)
Pamela Paul (daughter of Bob & Shirley Sheets)
Liz Roberts (friend of Tonette Smith)
Jerry Schreiber
Earl Williams

Sympathy to Kristie Kirsch and family on the loss of her step-son.



A Place to Belong and Serve



William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 9:00 AM - December 11, 2016