

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Wassner

SPECIAL MUSIC "Heaven Everywhere" *(Battistelli & Glover)*
Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Love. Everything begins with Love.

Many: From the beginning of creation to the end of time, God's love colors everything. Open your hearts to love and you will recognize hope shining in the most ancient of promises.

(The Candle of Hope is relit.)

One: Love. Everything continues with Love.

Many: God's love dwells in everything. Live love as a way of being and you will see peace shining in every face you meet.

(The Candle of Peace is relit.)

One: Love. Everything ends with Love.

Many: God's love flows through everything. Give love and you will find joy in the surprises that change us.

(The Candle of Joy is relit.)

One: Love. Everything leans toward Love.

Many: God's love changes everything. Prepare the way and hear love whispering everywhere.

*CAROL "Joy to the World" # 103 (1, 3, 5)

*UNISON INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, we wait and Hope for Your Peace. We live with a sense of Joy in the promise of Your Love. As the days darken and the nights lengthen, light our way with Your promised Presence. Prepare us to celebrate the birth of Your Son, and guide us to create Your kingdom on earth. Amen.

THE CANDLE OF LOVE IS LIT

RESPONSE "One Candle is Lit" *(v.4)*

**Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.**

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Tune "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, on every hill and coast!

Praise God above, all angels who comprise the heavenly host!

Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

O tidings of comfort and joy!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, the One to whom all doxology rightfully belongs, we are humbled that You took on our humanity. Thank You for the sacrifice You made, willingly, yet at great cost. We offer our lives as a doxology, given in praise and service to You and Your coming kingdom. Amen.

"Lord Jesus, Come!"

WELCOME

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader

Christmas Story Reader: Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

All: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 72 (1, 4, 7)

Leader

All: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 75 (1, 4)

Leader

Christmas Story Reader: Luke 2: 4-20

CHILDREN'S CHORUS "Love Came Down on Christmas Day"

Leader

All: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 90 (1, 5, 6)

Leader

Christmas Story Reader: Matthew 2: 1-12

All: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 95 (1, 3, 4)

Leader

ANTHEM "Angels We Have Heard on High" Traditional Choir

Leader

All: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" # 132

(The Nativity will gather at the front of the Sanctuary.)

***All:** "Away in a Manger" # 105

*BENEDICTION Pastor Bill

*CLOSING MUSIC

The week ahead...

SUNDAY - 12/17 -

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am - 12 Noon Banana Bread Pick-up**
- 9:30 am Praise Singers practice
- 10:00 am Combined Worship**
- 20 minutes following conclusion of Worship**
- COUNCIL Meeting**

- 11:00 am Sunday School
- 12:00 pm Youth Group Movie Party

MONDAY - 12/18

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
- 5:00 pm Young Adult Task Force
- 7:00 pm Dining Room Annex Reserved

TUESDAY - 12/19

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 8:00 am Weight Watchers
- 3:00 pm Open Gym—Youth Movie Day
- 5:15 pm Weight Watchers
- 5:30 pm Gym Reserved

WEDNESDAY - 12/20

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 8:00 am HeadStart
- 3:00 pm Open Gym—Youth Movie Day
- 5:30 pm Gym Reserved
- 6:00 pm Discovery Music
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00 pm Traditional Choir

THURSDAY - 12/21

- 10:00 am Discovery Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Open Kitchen
- 5:30 pm Women at the Well Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Gym Reserved

FRIDAY - 12/22 - BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY - 12/24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 10:00 am Combined Family Worship**
- 10:00 pm Candlelight Worship**

Those who serve...

Nursery Attendants

December 17

- 10:00 am & S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson & Theresa Herrenbruck

December 24

- 10:00 am & S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson & Jeannie Schuck

Greeters

December 17

- 10:00 am **South Entrance**
Kookie & Gary Ruminer
- North Entrance**
Judy Batteiger, Judy Lockhart

December 24

- 10:00 am **South Entrance**
Polly Ellison, Verna Hudson
- North Entrance**
Tracey & Keith Kolb

Ushers

December

- 10:00 am **South Entrance**
Louis Buschkill, Captain; Bob Dreier, Darlene Dycus, Jim Geiser
- North Entrance**
Earl Smith, Captain; Mike O'Nan, Jacob Jackson, Keith Krietenstein

Deacon (offering)

December

- 10:00 am Louie Buschkill



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Combined Worship
December 17, 2017
10:00 AM

Children's Christmas Program

*All hearts
come home
for Christmas*



LOVE

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor † Rev. Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor
 Andrea Williams, Director of Traditional Music
 Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer, Co-Directors of Discovery Music
 Lisa Wassner, guest organist † Katie Maurer, pianist

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