

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

We Glorify God- Love People- Serve the World

December 18, 2016

Prelude	Jeanean Kimball
Welcome & Announcements	Pastor Marc
Advent Wreath	The Reed Family
* Hymn #278	Angels We Have Heard on High
*Call To Worship	Responsively

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

P: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

P: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

L: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

L: The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple;
the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.

Behold, he is coming. Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!

**P: Our King is coming; the righteous Savior,
who shall speak peace to the nations.**

—Partially based on Psalm 130:5-7

*Hymn #250	O Little Town of Bethlehem
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Call to Confession	In Unison
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Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that

we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Time

Offering	Prayer/ Offertory/*Doxology #815
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Prayers of the People	Joys/Concerns/Prayer/Lord's Prayer
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Scripture Reading:	Micah 5:2-5, Luke 2:1-6 (Red - Pg. 904, Black - Pg. 1178)
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Message	While We're Waiting	Pastor Marc
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Hymn #272	While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
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* Blessing and Benediction	Pastor Marc
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Postlude	Jeanean Kimball
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Upcoming Dates and Times:

December 24th at 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

January 16th at 7:00 PM - Women's Association Meeting

January 22nd - Annual Congregational Meeting

January 27-28th - Rivers & Lakes Presbytery Meeting

Announcements:

Do We Have Church Today?

In the case of severe winter conditions, check WRMJ or WDLM on the radio or Channel 6 or 8 on television. Notices will also be posted on the church Facebook page and web site. You may also call the church office or Pastor Marc's cell phone.

Church Mission Statement

Our purpose is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and missions. Our goal is to lead people to faith in Christ as a personal savior and encourage their continued spiritual growth through participation in our church family, greater community, and the world.

Prayer Concerns:

Derek Bogart
Annie Inman
Chris Holmes
Ivan Murray
Mike Tripp
Ron Engstrom
Diane Anderson
Pam Price
Randy Palmer
Sherry Parchert-Ihms
Patsy Bell
Rachel Shefelton-Lackey
Jim Brislawn
Ann Blaser
Ann Boruff
Joann Kimball Kenneston
Megan Klauer

Birthdays:

12-18 Karla Boruff
12-21 Paul Thomas
12-21 Anna Wagner
12-22 Lexie McKay
12-24 Don Rice
12-24 Kyle Rettig

Anniversaries:

Check back next week!

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