



Welcome to Worship

December 15, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

arr. Susan T. Nelson

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

DO YOU WANT TO SEE the humility of God? Look in the manger and see him lying there. Surely this is our God. Seeing an infant, I wonder how this could be the one who says, "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" I see a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. Is this the one who is clothed in the beautiful glory of unapproachable light? Listen! He is crying. Is this the one who thunders in the heaven making the angels lower their wings? Yes, but he has emptied himself in order to fill us.



*Third Sunday
of Advent*

Guerric of Igny (d. 1157), Liturgical Sermons

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

The Downes family (9:00)

The Morey family (11:10)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

JOYOUS LIGHT

Marty Haugen

You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, Ev-'ry danc-ing star of night, Make us
shine with gen-tle jus-tice, Let us each re-flect your light. Might-y God of all cre-
a-tion, Gen-tle Christ who lights our way, Lov-ing Spir-it of sal-va-tion, Lead us
on to end-less day.

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from a world of darkness

Into Christ's world of light.

We come from a world of weariness

Into God's strength and hope.

We come from a slumbering world.

Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls, to watch for the coming of Christ.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN #93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION


Merciful God, today we light the candle of joy! But we admit that we forget to seek joy in our lives. Instead of looking for the laughter, celebrating blessed memories, and cherishing dear friendships, we focus on anger and ugliness. God, forgive us. Help us to respond to the world as your people baptized with the Spirit and living into the promise that is in Christ Jesus.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#578)

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ



Ó - Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#583)**

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)



Glo-ri-a, glo - ri-a, in excel - sis De - o! Glo-ri-a, glo - ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Ziemann

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANTHEM

One Small Child

Meece; arr. Lloyd Larson

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3: 7-18

page 834 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"People of Integrity"

Dr. Zieman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*PROFESSING THE FAITH OF OUR CHURCH

In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem

to become one with us.

In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea

to teach us how to live.

In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary

to bear away our sin.

In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden

to defeat death's power over us.

In love you ascended beyond the clouds

to be our reigning Lord.

You came to love us so that we need never feel unloved, deserted, alone, or condemned.

*GLORIA PATRI (#581)

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY A Festival of Carols arr. Douglas E. Wagner

***DOXOLOGY (#609)** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions - that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

***HYMN #102** Savior of the Nations, Come NUN COMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** Salvation Now Is Come to Earth J.S. Bach

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music Carillon Choir; Larry Frederickson, director; Kristi Treu, piano
Annette White, guest organist

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

Ushers 9:00 Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Jeffrey Boyum, Tim Jerry
11:10 Josh Murray, Captain; Joe Weaver, Julie Buehler, Kathy Gross

Greeters 9:00 North Door: Paul and Kathy Nickel Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
11:10 North Door: Carol Crawford Welcome Center Door: Nancy Anderson

Information Center 9:00 Judy Thomas 11:10 Kris Goodman

Coffee Host John and Patti Sparks

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Announcements

For the week of December 15, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 15 Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee, Youth and SS Classes
- 11:10 Worship
- 12:00 Session Meeting in Courtyard Classroom in the Welcome Cener
- 1:00 Resound Rehearsal
- 4:45 SHF Friends-mas
- 4:45 JHF Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Monday, December 16

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:00 Nominating Committee
- 6:30 Deacons

Tuesday, December 17

- 9:30 Staff

Wednesday, December 18

- 11:00 Haycraft Memorial Service
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:00 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Alleluia Singers
- 7:00 Choir and Orchestra rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

- 10:00 Tai Chi

Sunday, December 22

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship
- 5:00 Young Adult Christmas Party

Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m.
Office Hours: 9:00 to 4:30 Monday-Friday

Joys and Concerns.

A Memorial Service for Ruth Haycraft has been set for 11:00 on Wednesday, December 18 in our sanctuary.

Choir and Orchestra Music Next Sunday

Alleluia Singers, Chamber Singers, Resound, and professional instrumentalists will present their special Advent and Christmas music at both services next Sunday, December 22. The morning will include hymns and anthems to celebrate the season and feature the premiere of "Hope for Tomorrow," a new work by Omaha composer and Alleluia Singers member David Gardner.



Treats to Share!

The Congregational Life Committee invites everyone to bring treats to share during Coffee Fellowship on December 22. Please have items cut and ready to serve and please label if they contain either peanuts or tree nuts. Thank You!

Nominate an Officer Today!

Today is the deadline to nominate a new class of elders and deacons. In the Presbyterian Church, we have the privilege and responsibility of nominating and electing our own congregational leaders. Nomination forms are in the Welcome Center, but it is quicker and easier to nominate someone online by going to our website.

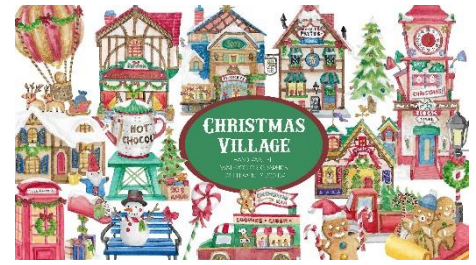


The Tuesday Bible Studies. Both the 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. groups are on holiday break. We'll resume on Tuesday, January 14,

Young Adult Christmas Party. All our young adults are invited to the home of Chris and Staci Voss to catch up and reunite on Sunday, December 22 at 5 p.m. Look for invitations in the mail! Save the date and spread the word!

Doug Patten Invitation to view his Christmas Village

PCOC member Doug Patten has invited the congregation to visit his home to view his large Christmas village, complete with 120 lighted buildings and an estimated total of 960 pieces including a running Christmas H-O train setup that runs throughout the villages. Doug is 80 years old and is one of our at-home members. He watches us faithfully every week on the livestream. Doug lives in southwest Omaha. His address and phone number are in our database. Feel free to call Doug to set up your visit.



The Perfect Gift. Christmas Joy Special Offering



Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the Presbyterian Church (USA). God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This national offering smooths the path for our current and retired church workers and their families in their time of critical need and prepares the way for our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, equipping communities of color. Please make your check out to PCOC and include "Joy Offering" in the memo line, enclosing your check in a blue pew envelope.

Calling all knitters!

Our supply of Prayer Shawls that are taken to our hospitalized and shut-in members is running low. If you are a knitter, please consider making one for the Pastors and Deacons to distribute to our members. They are greatly appreciated. You may leave your finished shawl on the counter in Room 15, and I will attach a label stating that it was crafted with love by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you for using your creative talent for this project. Any questions? Contact Ginger Petersen-Britt

Holiday Schedule of Church Services & Office Closings

Tuesday, December 24	Identical Christmas Eve services at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday, December 25-26	The church office is closed.
Sunday, December 29	One single worship service at 11:10 a.m.
Tuesday-Wednesday, December 31 & Jan 1	The church office is closed.
Sunday, January 5	One single worship service at 11:10 a.m.

Adult Education in 2025 – Register Online Now

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

- Theologians, Philosophers, Composers and the Pursuit of Beauty, by led Cindy Sloan, Jan 12 – Feb 23.
- More Than Words, 10 Values for the Modern Family, led by Emily and Josh Murray, Jan 12 – March 2.
- Embracing Community Connections, led by Patty Ritchie and Kathy Moore, April 27 and May 4.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Blessed Are You, The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life, led by Kirk Ryckman, Jan 15 – Mar 19

Cornerstone – Register Online Now

The Spring Semester of Cornerstone begins January 15.



Christmas Poinsettias



Nancy Anderson	In memory of William Anderson
Irene Astleford	In memory of loved ones
Charles and Betty Baddley	In memory of our parents, Kemper Hatfield Graham
Charles and Betty Baddley	In honor of Holly, Chuck, Kristy, David, Genny
Holly Baddley	in honor of my parents, Robbie, John and Jocelin
Russ Beernink and Dianne Witmer	In memory of Bob and Margaret Dickmeyer
Russ Beernink and Dianne Witmer	In memory of Don and June Beernink
Dennis and Amy Boesen	In memory of Curtis Boesen and Jim and Joyce Ferney
Dennis and Amy Boesen	In honor of our beloved family
Julie Buehler	In honor of the newlyweds on their first married Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Billings
Jim and Joan Gayle Chapin	In memory of parents, Wilbur and Leatha Chapin
Jim and Joan Gayle Chapin	In memory of parents, R. Wayne and Jean Wilson
Jim and Joan Gayle Chapin	In memory of our siblings, Donald and Larry Chapin and Sharon Gathmann
Reece and Cora Conner	In memory of loved ones
Jerry and Renee Cornett	
Anna & Tim Cramer & John, Elizabeth & Thomas Swedlund	
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Bruce and Mary Cramer	In memory of Jim and Bill Bergman
Bryce Crawford	In honor of our parents, children and grandchildren
Fred and Kim Crum	In memory of Catherine Crawford and in honor of our family
Linda Dobry	In memory of Mary Bahl
Curt Field	In memory of Charles A. Dobry, M.D.
Curt Field	In memory of Launie's parents, Ruby and Launie Lambert
Curt Field	In memory of Curt's parents, Gayle and Brad Field
Carol Futhey	In honor of my wife, Launie
Carol Futhey	In memory of Thomas Futhey
Carol Futhey	In memory of Harry and Astrid Werner
The Goodwin Family	In memory of Robert, Virginia, Della, and Catherine Futhey
The Goodwin Family	In memory of Carol Mackey
The Goodwin Family	In memory of Richard Decker
Robert and Carolyn Hansen	In memory of Raymond and Roger Goodwin
Robert and Carolyn Hansen	In honor of our children
Ardys Hansum	In honor of our grandchildren and great grandchildren
Mike Howland and Linda Matson	In honor of my grandchildren, Zoe, Eliot, Magnolia, Phoebe, and Ozzy
Mike Howland and Linda Matson	In memory of Richard and Marilyn Howland
Mike Howland and Linda Matson	In memory of Gene and Betty Matson

Don and Sharon Igel	In memory of loved families
Julie, Susan and Naomi	In memory of Brad Jacobi
Julie, Susan and Naomi	In memory of Mary Macrander
Kristin Jacobi	In honor of Mary Macrander
Larry and Judy Keating	In memory of our parents
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	In honor of our children, grandchildren and our two great grandchildren
Kathy and Jerry Klein	In memory of our parents
Ken and Jacquie Kluck and Family	In memory of loved ones
Nancy Koehler	In loving memory of husband, Roger
Zach Metzger	In memory of all deceased victims of violence
Lloyd and Charlene Meyer	In memory of our parents and Bob Brum
Lloyd and Charlene Meyer	In honor of our children and grandchildren
Kate Morris	In memory of Franz Hornbacher
Emily, Josh, Elizabeth Murray	
	In memory of Joel Gatewood, loving father, father-in-law and grandpa
Gary and Marinell Neuhaus	In honor of our grandsons, Elan Nordwall and Lucas Neuhaus
Nickel Family	In memory of Edna and Joe Meisner
Nickel Family	In memory of Jean and Paul Nickel
Ken and Cindy Nisley	In memory of friends who have passed
Pam Otto	In memory of loved ones
Ann Pearson	In memory of Bob Reisser
Ann Pearson	In memory of Don and Sue Klohr
Ken and Ardell Penney	In memory of grandson, Griffin Brooks
Bob and Gerry Reid	In honor of great grandson, Judah Darwyn Reid
Barb and Dan Scanlan	In memory of Dee and Ed Owen and Pat and Ray Scanlan
Carol Sorensen	In memory of Michael Sorensen
Jim and Barb Spielman	In memory of our parents
Robert and Sharon Swartzbaugh	
Earlene Uhrig	In memory of Jack and Margaret Stuart
Janet Wallace	In memory of my dear husband, David
Ron Wax	In memory of Linda Wax
Mike and Meg Whaley	In honor of Anna and Leah Whaley
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	In memory of John and Joann Whaley and Charles and Dorothy French
Rodney and Cheryl Whorlow	In honor of my loving wife