

December 1st, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

OPENING PRAYER by Pastor Laurene Banza

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome today to this time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

People: As we enter this season of Advent, we seek to prepare our hearts to receive God's good news of hope.

Leader: Get ready! The Lord is bringing us the gift of Hope.

People: How wonderful it is that the Lord fills our hearts with hope and promise.

Leader: Open your hearts and let your spirits be lifted. Embrace the hope that the Lord offers.

People: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us the hope we seek.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES: The Candle of Hope by Alana, Justin Alt, and family

HYMN: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH #196

APOSTLES' CREED UMH #881

CHILDREN'S TIME by Alana Alt

PASTORAL PRAYER by Pastor Laurene Banza

SCRIPTURE READING by David Poncin

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

New testament Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9

HYMN: O Come, O Come Emmanuel UMH# 211 vs. 1 &4

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

MORNING MESSAGE: "Looking Forward with Hope"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings and the ways we have hesitated in our faith. In the spirit of Mary, who received the angel's message with both wonder and concern, we confess that we often allow fear and doubt to cloud our vision, delaying us from fully embracing the hope You offer. We have been quick to dismiss Your promises, allowing the noise of the world to drown out the gentle whispers of Your call. Forgive us for the moments we have turned inward, focusing on our limitations rather than Your limitless grace. Help us to cultivate a spirit of anticipation, trusting in Your divine plan as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. May we look forward with renewed hope, ready to respond to Your invitation to participate in the unfolding of Your love and light in our lives and in the world around us. Amen.

HYMN: Thou Art Worthy TFWS #2041

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING/INVOCATION

DOXOLOGY UMH # 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory UMH #577 vs. 1,2 &3

BENEDICTION by Pastor Laurene Banza

SENDING OFF SONG: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (2x) UMH #349

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The children's Christmas program will be taking place on the morning of December 15th during worship.

Nicole is seeking donations of hay bales to use for the upcoming Christmas program. Please contact Nicole if you are able to donate!

If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the church for Christmas services, order forms have been placed in the back of the church. Each plant is \$18. Orders are due December 8th and may be dropped off on Sunday, during church office hours, or directly with Eagle Grove Greenhouse.

Greeters:

December 1st - Mack and Sarah Sisson
December 8th - Sharon Seibert

Acolytes:

December 1st – Jazmyne Campos
December 8th -

Scripture Readers:

December 1st – Dave Poncin
December 8th - Pat Manues

Children's Sermon

December 1st – Alana Alt
December 8th - Angie Anderson

Dial-A-Devotion:

December 3rd – Sharon Seibert
December 10th - Sharon Seibert

Meetings/Activities:

December 4th – Kids' Club, Confirmation, Youth Group
December 4th – Faith Formation – 4:30 P.M.
December 11th - Kids' Club, Confirmation, Youth Group

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