

December 8th 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

OPENING PRAYER by Pastor Laurene Banza

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

P: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES: The Candle of Peace

HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH # 230

APOSTLES' CREED UMH #881

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTORAL PRAYER by Pastor Laurene Banza

SCRIPTURE READING by Pat Manues

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

SPECIAL MUSIC by Lenny Carlson

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6

RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

MORNING MESSAGE: Peace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still". Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

OFFERING/INVOCATION

DOXOLOGY UMH # 95

HYMN: Let There be Peace on Earth UMH #431

BENEDICTION by Pastor Laurene Banza

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

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

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 8th - Sharon Seibert
December 15th - Sheryl Stearns

Acolytes:
December 8th -
December 15th - Weston Amonson and Kysen Sisson

Scripture Readers:
December 8th - Pat Manues
December 15th - Dave Poncin

Children's Sermon
December 8th -
December 15th - Christmas Program

Dial-A-Devotion:
December 10th - Sharon Seibert
December 17th - Melody Amonson

Meetings/Activities:
December 11th - Kids' Club, Confirmation, Youth Group
December 15th - Christmas Program
December 18th - Kids' Club, Confirmation, Youth Group
December 21st - UM Men at Family Table - 7:00 A.M.
December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 P.M.

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