

✚ Christmas Eve ✚
December 24, 2017 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship (In Unison)

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might; come and save us.
Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
How long, LORD God Almighty,
will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.
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make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #146) *Joy to the World*

◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle – “Love Candle” Ajide Family

WORD

Advent Readings

Ajide Family

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:26-38

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #147) *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Message “Love and Our Need for Each Other”
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #173) *Good Christians All Rejoice*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill,
there is much to confess.
In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives.
We miss the reason for the season, focusing instead on
Christmas parties, long to-do lists, and trying to get the
shopping done.
We fail to think about your reordered world—
a world where the lowly are lifted up
and the hungry are filled with good things.
Help us adjust our Christmas priorities,
that we might join with you, O God,
in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

Words of Assurance (Pastor):

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled.
God does not forget us.
God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
Let our souls rejoice in God!

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory (BH #178) *Mary Had A Baby*

Holiday Ensemble

◆ *Doxology*
◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #172) *Silent Night*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Greg Goetz, Carol Latimer, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Thank you to Carol Raines, our guest musician this morning.

Church Directory – 2nd Draft

The 2nd draft of the church directory is on the table in the narthex. Please review your edits and make any additional corrections. The directory will be printed by the end of December.

Rev. Mark Westlind.....	Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....	Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....	Organists
Amanda Fulton.....	Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....	Church Secretary
Joe Michalowicz.....	Custodian

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Advent



WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today: *Christmas Eve Service*

10 A.M. Worship

10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade

Note: No Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group or Adult Sunday School

This Week:

Monday *Merry Christmas*

Mon.-Fri. Noah’s Ark Preschool winter break; class resumes January 8

Tues. Women’s Bible Study holiday break; study resumes January 9

Next Sunday: *New Year’s Eve*

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11 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group

No Adult Sunday School; study resumes January 7

Dec. 31 – Nursery Helpers: Rita Grijalva, Pam Polcar
Greeters: Chuck & Marcia Lellos

Announcements:

Save the Date

The next Family Event is Wednesday, January 3. We are heading to Aurora from 12-2 P.M. to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). Founded in 1987, FMSC is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Donations given fund the meal ingredients, volunteers hand-pack the meals, and the meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved! All are welcome! See Linda Kozak to sign up.

Adult Sunday School

Join Greg Goetz on January 7 after worship in the Fireside Room as he teaches on the topic “The Library of Alexandria”.

Noah’s Ark Preschool

The preschool is on winter break starting December 26; class resumes January 8.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group will break for the Christmas holiday December 26 and January 2; study resumes on January 9.

"The Kingdom" class

Pastor Mark's Wednesday evening class is on break for the Christmas holiday and will resume January 10.

Today's Scripture: Advent Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans^[a] of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."
³Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.
⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.
⁵And he will be our peace
when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.
We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders,

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.



Pacesetters
New Year's Eve Celebration

Attention Pacesetters and other interested friends - don't forget our early New Year's Eve celebration. Join us at the home of Barbara Johnson immediately following the morning service on Sunday, December 31.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, December 27. RSVP using the tear off below or see Pat Anderson or Barbara Johnson.



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