

The Love of Christ Compels Us...UP (Worship)

- We offer the practice of “spur-of-the-moment” liturgists. The worship service is led by the people who show up and feel led by God to lead the people of God in worship. Pick up a portion of today’s liturgy in the back of the sanctuary.
- **2017 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**
 - Sunday, Dec. 17—11AM worship, including the Student Christmas Program
 - Sunday, Dec. 24 (4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve)
 - 11AM worship (NO Christian Education)
 - 6PM Candlelight Service

The Love of Christ Compels Us...OUT (Mission)

- The Deacons continue to welcome your quarters for the “Loads of Love” Ministry, in which they’re distributing baggies of quarters to people in local laundromats.
- The Deacons will be passing along Christmas cards to local shut-ins, but **they need you to sign them first!** Please sign your name or the name of your family on all the Christmas cards sitting on the round table in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.
- The **Lakeview Area Backpack Program** is currently seeking child sponsorships for the 208-2019 school year. See the bulletin insert for more information.

The Love of Christ Compels Us...IN (Transformation)

- **Midweek Bible Study & Spiritual Formation group**—Next gathering is **Wednesday, December 13, 7PM**. Join us we move beyond superficial conversations and get real about the importance of living linked together as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **Student Christmas Program:** Students of all ages (pre-K through high school) are needed for our Christmas Program, which will be performed Sunday, December 17th. Ruling Elder Debbie Young is directing the program. **Final practice TODAY** and will take place in the social hall immediately following the Children’s Message.
- **Our Christian Education/Spiritual Formation Groups are underway! Regardless of your age, come join us and watch your faith grow deep and wide.**
We all gather in the back of the sanctuary for intergenerational fellowship before separating into groups.
 - Group #1: Younger Students (Pre-K—Grade 6)
 - Group #2: Older Students & Adults (Grade 7 & Up)

The Love of Christ Compels Us...TOGETHER (Fellowship)

- A **Congregational Meeting** is called for **Sunday, December 10th** immediately after the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the pastor’s 2018 terms of call.
- **Sign-up today and reserve your family’s seats at our Christmas dinner** which will be held next Sunday, December 17th immediately after our 11AM worship service.

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The Lord’s Day, December 10th

11 o’clock service

Service of Christian Worship—2nd Sunday of Advent

Childcare is available for children ages Pre-K through Grade 2. They are dismissed downstairs after the children’s message. If you prefer, your children are welcome to remain with you for the entire worship service.

MUSIC TO LEAD US INTO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Lindsay Rodgers, pianist

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Rich & Debbie McComb

As we light our advent candle...**Light of the world, shine on us.**

As we prepare for Christmas time...**Light of the world, shine on us.**

In this world of pain and darkness...**Light of the world, shine through us.**

To the people who don’t know God loves them...**Light of the world, shine through us.**

Jesus, you are coming again...**Light of the world, light the way.**

In our service here today...**Light of the world, light the way.**

◇ **OPENING HYMN #181**, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

{◇ If able, please stand}

◇ **OPENING PRAYER**

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

In this moment of silence, examine your heart and silently confess your sins to God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

◇ OUR RESPONSE OF THANKS TO GOD

Hymnal #43, Gloria Patri

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”

◇ THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BIBLE PROJECT “VERSE-OF-THE-WEEK” {See Text Box on opposite page.}

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TODAY’S BIBLE READING – Mark 1:1-8 {Pew Bible page 812}

OUR RESPONSE TO THE HEARING OF GOD’S WORD

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE #177, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

◇ AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

◇ THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Hymnal #39, Doxology

“Praise, God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

◇ UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

◇ CLOSING HYMN #180, What Child Is This?

◇ VOICING OUR VISION

The love of Christ compels us, and we no longer live for ourselves but for Christ who died to give us life.

◇ THE GIVING OF GOD’S BLESSING

◇ MUSIC SENDING US OUT TO SERVE GOD AND THE COMMUNITY

This Week’s (December 10, 2017) participants

Pianist: Lindsay Rodgers
Greeters: Chad & Sarah Gibson
Children’s Ministry Volunteers: TBD

Next Week’s (December 17, 2017) participants

Pianist: Jane Buckley
Greeters: Richard Schulz & Tracy McBride
Children’s Ministry Volunteers: TBD

Dec. 2017 Giving-To-Date: \$1,035.00

Nov. 2017 Giving-To-Date: \$3,420.00

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**COMMUNITY BIBLE PROJECT
“VERSE-OF-THE-WEEK”**

Pleasant words are like
a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul
and health to the body.
Proverbs 16:24