

# Welcome to

**4 December 2022                      Second Sunday of Advent**

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)    **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)    **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)    **C: Amen**

## Announcements and Schedule

### Studies this Week:

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Drive

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Thursday –10:30am – Bible Study– 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd

7:30pm – Bible Study - Not this week

*We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.*

Today we are having our Annual Congregational Meeting after the Worship Service. Please plan to attend this brief service.

After the Congregational Meeting, Werner is hosting us all for an authentic Belgium waffle lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

The Celebration of Life Service for Donna Langford will be today in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm. There will be a time in the service for sharing of stories about Donna and her faith.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church invited us to be their guests at a gospel concert here on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The Emmanuel Quartet will be in concert and it would be a great gesture for us to have a large showing. Please plan to come if you can.

If you are interested in reading one of the Advent Candle Lighting please let Pastor Tom Know.

December 14 – Christmas Party at the Church – 7:00pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm

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Call to Worship – Psalm 72.1-7

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle      Andy and Ann Behnke

\*Hymn # 181 “Joy to the World”

First Lesson – Isaiah 11.1-10

Call to Prayer # 202 “How Great Our Joy”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Romans 15. 4-13

Offertory -            (Please place your offering in one of the plates)

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel – Matthew 3.1-12    **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “When the Kingdom Comes”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

\*Hymn # 175 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

\*Benediction

\*Response

Jeanne Pribble

\*Dismissal and Recessional

### Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns,  
Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley,  
Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather  
Wright, Jimmy Gratto, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Jean McCormick,  
Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer  
& those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation in the Ukraine, the people of Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella  
and Lorina, friends of Andy’s.

The family of Donna Langford

Pat Wheeler, broken wrist

Bea Gardner, recuperating from knee surgery

Wayne Williams regaining strength

Tori and Bennett Carwile, mom and new born, health issues for both

Robert Wright, recuperating from a heart attack

Chris Griffin, Web's mom, general health issues

Stacey Duffy, friend of Sarah Dietrich’s, her mother is in hospice

Kelly Osborne, daughter of friend of the Kinzer’s with cancer

Betsy Hoefer, health issues

Charles and Lucinda Houglund

Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys

Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother in law, cardiac concerns

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson

Katherine Stone, back surgery, friend Agnes

Leslie Hair, cancer

Kathy Van Clapdorp, health concerns

Duval McDaniel, Carey’s uncle, recovering from a fall and surgery

Laura Cash, friend of Web’s

Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie’s sister in law

Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents

Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes