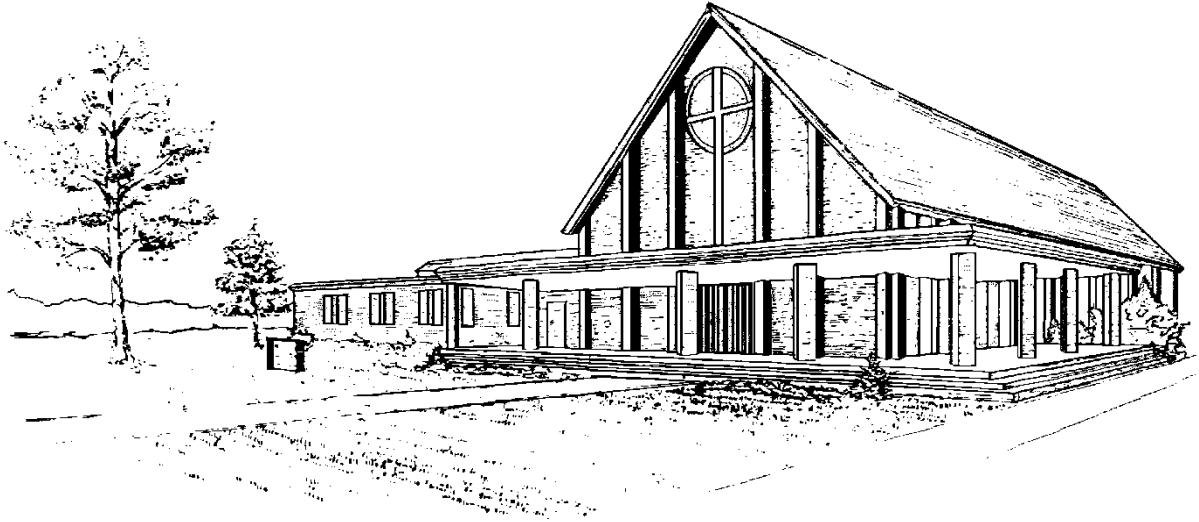


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“Joy”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Barbara and Dan Charnews

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love has come down to us this Advent Season,

Divine love, which heals and transforms our lives.

With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

We open our hearts to all God’s children:

The last, the least, and the lost,

As well as those who feel privileged.

The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

Praise be to God who loves us so much,

And who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world.

HYMN # 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease. Fill the whole world with Heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we confess our worry and anxiety over unimportant matters. We recognize the fears that make us defensive instead of loving. We acknowledge our resentment over losses we have sustained and oppression we have suffered. We admit that we have been far more concerned for our own welfare than for the building up of Christ's body, the Church. We focus on survival more than service. We look more for what we can gain than for what we can give. Re-establish Your rule among us, we pray, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Joy, may all that we offer of ourselves and our possessions allow Your Church to bring light to darkness, comfort to pain, and hope to despair. We pray that You will use these gifts, and use us, this day and always. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
John 1:6-8, 19-28

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Stranger Among Us”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 12

People, Look East

BESANÇON

*People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ, who brings new life to Earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
*With God, our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.)

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