

We believe the Bible is the Word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct.

We believe in the necessity of the New Birth, and a continuing life in fellowship with our Living Lord, Jesus Christ.

We believe we “are blessed to be a blessing.” We seek to **BLESS** others as we:

- Begin with prayer,
- Listen with care,
- Eat together,
- Serve with love, and
- Share our story.

Please Come to the Christmas Open House at Lorey’s home on the farm (1401 West 14th Road). You have all been so generous as you have helped me walk through some hard days and I thank you! Let me celebrate you! The Open House is today, beginning at 4:00 pm.

You Are Invited to our last Advent Dinner this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.

The Christmas Card Tree in the narthex is available for you to send Christmas greetings to our church. Simply place your card in the basket and we will hang it on the tree. You are also invited to read the cards on the tree. The names of those who place cards on the tree will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 30th.

Christmas Morning “Julotta” Celebration: you are invited to join us as we celebrate Jesus’ birth on Christmas morning at our 7:00 am “Julotta” service. A continental breakfast will follow. A signup sheet for those willing to bring coffee cakes is in the narthex.

Thank You for your generous donations to assist Brayden Kliewer and family. Our Christmas Program offering was over \$800.00.



Unto us a *Child* is born

December 16, 2018

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Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome

We Gather in God's Name

The third candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as a symbol of joy. May the joyful promise of God's presence make us rejoice in the hope of our salvation. O come, o come, Emmanuel!

We Prepare Our Hearts

- Prelude - "*Christmas Bells Medley*" Piano Duet
Marsha Pawley and Lorey Wadell
- * Gathering - #162: *Angels We Have Heard on High*
#166: *Joy Bells Are Ringing*
- * Invocation and "*Advent Lord's Prayer*" (insert)

We Hear God's Word

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Old Testament, p. 1023
Luke 3:7-18 New Testament, p. 81

Choir - "*Unto You Is Born a Savior*"

Message - "*Aligning with God's Grace*"

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn - #171: *What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

Confession of Sin/Words of Assurance

Prayer

Offering

Offeratory - "*O Holy Night*" Piano Duet
Marsha Pawley and Lorey Wadell

We Are Sent Forth with God's Blessing

* Hymn - #130: *Come, You People of the Promise*

* Blessing

*Stand if you are able

Update

Week of December 16 - December 23, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am..... Adult Sunday School
10:00 am..... Worship/Children's Sunday School
11:00 am..... Fellowship Hour
4:00 pm Christmas Open House at Wadell Farm

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:00 pmNominating Committee

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

6:30 pm Advent Supper (meal provided)
7:30 pm Choir

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am..... Adult Sunday School
10:00 am..... Worship/Children's Sunday School
11:00 am..... Fellowship Hour

Greeters - Josh Gibson and Ashley Lawton

Nursery - Jo Gakemeier

Children's Sunday School -

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas

7:00 am..... "Julotta" Service
8:00 am..... Breakfast

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor - Karl Larson

Leader - Marsha Pawley

Reader - Doug Salmon

Organ - Lorey Wadell Piano - Maxine Lewin/Marsha Pawley

Trumpet - Elizabeth Larson

Choir - Ashley Lawton

Sound - Steve Pawley

Projection - Jeri Willis

Greeters - Brayden, Katelinn, Brynn, and Bailey Kliever

Nursery - Nancy Salmon

Children's Sunday School - Butch & Maxine Lewin