

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.

**Thank You:** Thank you all for your generous support of our church this past year. You will receive your 2019 year-end statement of giving soon.

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with, and participated in, our Christmas morning "Julotta" service. Thanks to Suzanne Rauert for leading the service and to Lorey Wadell and Ashley Lawton for playing. Thanks to Sophie Andersen for being our Santa Lucia. Finally, thanks to Kim Crabtree, Nancy Salmon, and Nancy Seeman for organizing and serving the continental breakfast.

**Thank You** for your generous Christmas gift to our family. It is a privilege and a blessing to serve Christ Jesus through the ministries of this congregation. Karl & Tina Larson

**Christmas Greeting to the Church:** Please see the bulletin insert for a list of those who sent Christmas greetings to the members and friends of our church.

**Covenant Cedars:** please see the card on the bulletin board from Covenant Cedars Bible Camp thanking us for our \$2,500.00 donation to the camp. This gift was a budgeted item and was approved by our congregation at our January 2019 Annual Meeting.



December 29, 2019

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First Sunday after Christmas

# Welcome

## We Gather in God's Name

The peace of the night of Jesus' birth did not last long. Soon King Herod was searching for the child in order to kill him. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escaped to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. Only then did they return and settle in Nazareth.

## We Prepare Our Hearts

Prelude -

\* Blue Hymnal, #146: *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

\* Invocation and Advent Lord's Prayer (insert)

## We Hear God's Word

Matthew 2:13-23

New Testament, p. 3

Hebrews 2:14-18

New Testament, p. 297

**Choir** - *Wise Men Still Seek Him*

(Any and all who have ever sung with the choir are invited to come forward and sing.)

**Message** - "Free to Choose"

## We Respond to God's Grace

\*Blue Hymnal, #154: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Confession of Sin/Words of Assurance

Prayer

Offering

Offertory

## We Are Sent Forth with God's Blessing

\* Blue Hymnal, #179: *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*

\* Blessing

\*Please stand if you are able

# Update

Week of December 29, 2019 - January 5, 2020

## Sunday, December 29, 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

10:00 am.....Worship/Children's Sunday School

11:00 am.....Fellowship Hour

## Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - New Year's Day

## Sunday, January 5, 2019 - Epiphany

8:30 am..... Adult Sunday School

10:00 am.....Worship/Children's Sunday School

11:00 am.....Fellowship Hour

Nursery - TBA

Sunday School - TBA

Greeters-TBA

**Reminder:** if you purchased a Christmas poinsettia, and have not yet taken it home, please do so today. Thank you.

**Greeters/Fellowship Hour Hosts:** If you would be willing to greet and host one of our fellowship hours please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## Serving In Worship Today

Pastor - Karl Larson

Reader - Nancy Seeman

Organ - Lorey Wadell

Trumpet - Ashley Lawton

Greeters -

Nursery - Julie Shively

Children's Sunday School - Philip Shively,

Tina Larson, and Ella Sandstrom