

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

— *on this Fourth Sunday of Advent* —

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

Please sign the attendance pads found in the pews.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE *Tom, Hailey, &
Grace Wengert*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, You order all things with strength and gentleness; come now and teach us the way to salvation.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, You appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai; come with outstretched arms to save us.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all the peoples, before You earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations give You honor; come quickly to deliver us.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Key of David, Scepter over the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open; come to set free the prisoners who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice; come, shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Ruler of the nations, monarch for whom the people long, You are the cornerstone uniting all humanity; come, save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Immanuel, our sovereign and lawgiver, desire of the nations and Savior of all; come and save us, O Lord our God.

People: Come Lord Jesus.

*OPENING HYMN *“Angels We Have Heard On High” Hymn 162*

*OPENING PRAYER (Together)

“God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.”

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 1: 1-7 (page 152; large print—page 184)

Matthew 1: 18-25 (page 1; large print—pages 1-2)

HYMN OF PREPARATION *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymn 133*
verses 1, 2, & 5

SERMON *Rev. Goanar Chol*
“God Is With Us”

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *“We Three Kings of Orient Are” Hymn 185*
(The Offering will be received during the singing of the Hymn.) verses 1, 2, & 3

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(We use the words ‘debtors’ and ‘debtors’ in The Lord’s Prayer)

*CLOSING HYMN *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” Hymn 170*

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Offering Counters for today: Dana Grefe & Chris Klug

Today: Sunday, December 22nd, 2013:

Guest Speaker ~ Rev. Goanar Chol • Acting Youth Director ~ Beth Johnston
Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell
Ushers & Greeters ~ Russ & Donna Miller
Coffee Hosts ~ Don & Robbin McClelland
Nursery Attendants ~ None (Christmas weekend)

Session Members

Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Janel DeJoode	Leon Altman	Cyndy Bolsenga
Brenda Peterson	Bob Heston	Ben Johnston
Ellen Workman	Chris Klug	Ron Rosenberg

Deacons ~ Susan Ballard, Phyllis Rosenberg, Gai Shields,
Robbin McClelland and Joyce Hart

Clerk of Session ~ Cyndy Bolsenga

Serving next Sunday, December 29th, 2013:

Guest Speaker ~ Ramona Wink • Acting Youth Director ~ Beth Johnston
Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell
Ushers & Greeters ~ Betty Pittman & Phyllis Rosenberg
Coffee Hosts ~ Don & Joyce Hart
Nursery Attendants ~ None (New Year's weekend)

Offering Counters December 29th: Janel DeJoode & Tim Rollow
January 5th: Beth Johnston & Janel DeJoode

In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments,
complaints or concerns please be directed to the appropriate
committee chairperson (below) as a first step.
We Are Sincerely, Your Church Session

Building & Grounds Committee: Leon Altman
Christian Education Committee: Ben Johnston
Evangelism Committee: Bob Heston
Fellowship Committee: Brenda Peterson
Local Mission Committee: Leon Altman, Chris Klug
Member Care Committee: Janel DeJoode, Ron Rosenberg
Memorial Committee: Cyndy Bolsenga, Chris Klug
Nominating Committee: Bob Heston
Personnel Committee: Ellen Workman, Leon Altman, Ron Rosenberg
Stewardship Committee: Janel DeJoode
Worship Committee: Chris Klug



Our church's past support of the Christmas Joy Offering has made a tremendous difference in so many lives. Please consider supporting the offering again this year. Envelopes can be found in the church pews during the month of December.



Tuesday, December 24th, 7:00pm

Guest speaker: Patti Spencer Burdette

Please join us for this prayerful time.