

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements Liz Smith
Greeting One Another
Prelude Linda Rishel
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Mourning Family
(* Please stand if you are able)
L: The poet, George Herbert, wrote: "Love bade me welcome, but my soul drew back. It's hard to take in the enormity of God's love made flesh in Jesus Christ. We look at the candles and enjoy the special music of the season. It's easier to listen to the radio or buy the red cup at the coffee shop than to dwell on the truth. The psalmist knew it long before Jesus: "For with The Lord, there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem." God became one of us, out of love for all of us, then and now and forever. When we light the candle of Love, we stop in awe of God's unending love.
C: **Whatever we face in life, God's steadfast love surrounds us.**

***Opening Song** Linda Carson/Song Leader
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH#216

***PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON**
Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



A Time for Children Pastor Kathleen
Word Through Music Hands of Glory
"Jesus Born on This Day"

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:39-45
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Morning Message Rev. Whitmore
"The Hope of Christmas"

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings Linda Rishel
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

***Doxology**
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Whitmore

***Hymn of Dedication** UMH #238
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Benediction and Response UMH #431
"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Postlude Linda Rishel
"From Heaven Above to Earth He Came"

Head Usher for fourth quarter: Ken Petersen
Ushers: Ken & Sue Petersen, Jim & Pat Pickett
Greeters: Friendship Circle

Luke 1:39-45 Common English Bible (CEB)

39 Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. 40 She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. 43 Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. 45 Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."



Birthdays

12/23 Jackie Steelman 12/24 Chris Johnson, Darrell McCune

12/25 Ginny Lancaster 12/29 Marion Marsh

Anniversaries

12/26 Dean & Mary Royse 12/27 Bob & Joyce Green

12/28 Ken & Sue Petersen, Roger & Linda Carson

12/29 Scott & Glenda Guge

This Week at Ottawa First

Sunday, December 23rd

8:45am - 9:15am Open Gym for Youth - Gym

2:00pm - 6:00pm Basketball - Gym

5:30pm - 7:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Monday, December 24th

6:30pm - 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25th

CHURCH CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 26th

No Awana

6:30pm - 8:00pm Grief Share – Parlor

7:30pm - 8:30pm Scout Troop #77 - North Rm. off Gym

8:30pm - 9:30pm Men of Note Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 27th

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

4:15pm - 5:15pm Body Gospel Exercise - Oxford Room

4:30pm - 8:00pm Youth Meeting at Trinity Methodist

Friday, December 28th

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

Saturday, December 29th

9:00am - 6:00pm Basketball - Gym

The deadline for articles in the newsletter will be the third Monday of the month.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please see Pastor Kathleen.

There will be a candlelight Christmas Eve service starting at 6:30 pm.

Last week's Attendance: 121
Last week's Offering: \$2118.00
Month to Date: \$11,370.00
Amount needed per month: \$20,000.00

Prayers and Concerns

Archie & Cecilia McGehee: Hal Holland;
Marie Wilburn; Lynda Turner; The Harnden family; The Culbertson family on Bud's passing; Merle Shaffer is now in Hospice care; Charlotte Carner's sister passed away.

Please pray for all our Servicemen & women

To add a name to the Prayer Chain list please contact:

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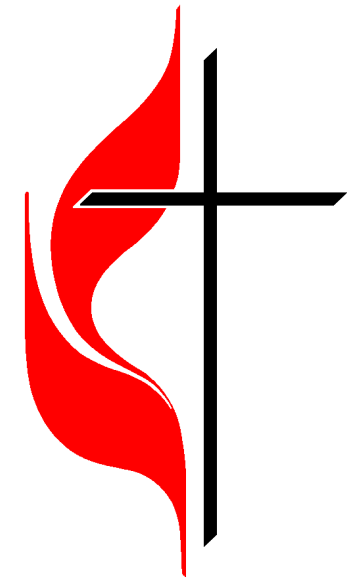
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Please contact the office with any changes. Names will be removed after 3 weeks unless the office is notified otherwise.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR VISION
“MEETING PEOPLE, MEETING NEEDS,
MEETING CHRIST”



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