

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

The two candles on the altar symbolize Christ's presence here with us as we worship. The candle beside the altar symbolizes our prayers for peace and for those serving in our nation's military.

Welcome and Announcements

*Carol Hymnal 250
Once in Royal David's City

*Opening Prayer

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Carol
Come Adore the Humble King

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in love,
the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.
Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

Celebrations & Concerns of the Congregation

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

The Offertory

*Doxology Hymnal 95

*Offertory Prayer

Especially for Children

The Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 2:25-35
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Waiting in Hope"

*The Apostles' Creed Hymnal 881

*Carol Hymnal 217
Away in a Manger

*Benediction

Postlude

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Timothy Hale, Pastor
Music Director: Misty Griffin
Organist: Karla Huff
Audio/Visual: Ken Presser, Alex Gates
Ushers: Chip Camp, Richard Ingram,
Bob Huff, Brian Spangler
Nursery: Cappy Spangler

Prayer List

Long Term

The people of Ukraine, for peace in Israel & the Middle East, Christian missionaries around the world, Joe Blackwell, Casey Blackwell, Kevin Vest, Beth Wellington, Tommy Hall, Martha Lewis, Jane Hoxmeier, Ed Powers, Shelby Hale, Charles Burgess, Charlotte Gottuso, Teresa Hopper, Ginny Barker, Don Gardner, Glenn Dixon, Karen Hawkins, Ann Shank, Jane Wills, Teresa Brookshire, Darin Landon, Dale Olwin, Nan Tuscany, Rose Houk, Peggy Harris, April, Judi Clemens, Wayne Deel, Chester Gallimore, Rhett Helms, Mason Pearce, David Wall, Graysen Bean, Catherine Pauley, Virginia Brown, Lenny Merida, Ava Juwan Crolley, Angel Spangler, Louise Hall, David Wimmer

Our Military

All those serving in all branches of our military, Darren Wood, Jeremy Dolan, David Thornton Booker, Tom Giles

Short Term

Linda Huffman, Gayle Griffin, Anne Scoggin, Jim Salyer, Virginia Brown, Don Blackstone, Shayle, Taryn Miner, Mary Boothe, Francis Crawford, Christine Martin, Hilda Collins, Hannah Bittner, Amy Whitlow, Geneva Williams, Francis Berkley, Wendell Harris, BP Simpson, Elizabeth Adkins

*Please stand, as you are able.

Announcements

Pastor Timothy is leading an **Advent Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. using the book "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups. Purchasing the book is not required to participate in the study. Everyone is welcome to join!

During the Advent season, we are hosting community **Advent Evening Prayer** services. We will have a soup dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and the service will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a joint service along with The Presbyterian Church of Floyd and Zion Lutheran Church.

Our annual **Student Ministry Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner and play Christmas games. All students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend!

This year, **Christmas Eve** is on a Sunday. We will have our regular Sunday morning service at 10 a.m. as well as our traditional Candlelight Communion Service at 7 p.m. (*We will not have our Fourth Sunday breakfast on Christmas Eve.*)

Sermon Study Guide

Use these questions to go deeper into today's sermon with others or in a Sunday School class.

- What good thing would you wait a long time for?
- Have you ever been disappointed while waiting?
- What does Simeon teach us about disappointment and hope?
- How do we as people of faith find peace in the midst of frustration and waiting?

Last Sunday's Report

In-Person Attendance	124
Online Attendance	141
Offering Received	\$3,836.04
Offering Needed Each Week	\$4,611.00

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METHODIST CHURCH



Welcome Home

We are so glad you joined us for worship today! **Visiting with us?** Please fill out a connection card located in the pew backs and turn it in at the back following the service. We also have a gift for you as a "thank you" for worshiping with us today. Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit and in the downstairs hallway. We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

Sunday, December 10, 2023