



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 17, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Nursery and ChapelKidz meet below the Sanctuary

WELCOME

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days,

People: When the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

People: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***HYMN**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery and grace, we come to worship you with thankful hearts. For you created this world in love and

*Surrounded by the beauty of creation,
we respond to God's grace in worship, fellowship and praise,
eager to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior
as we follow the Spirit's call to love one another,
proclaim the Gospel, and serve the world God loves.*

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through the gift of your Son opened the door to truth, wholeness and life everlasting. With humble hearts we confess that the world is not what it should be – and neither are we. Forgive our many sins and by the power of your Holy Spirit make us new; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRAYER AND PERSONAL REFLECTION Choral Response

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 4:4

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news: “When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son

People: born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.”

Leader: In the name of Jesus we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Page 129

PRESENTATION OF TITHES Please sign & pass the Friendship Pad

OFFERTORY *Comfort, Comfort* Geneva Psalter/Ferguson Chapel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** (to the tune of 327)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD TESTAMENT from Isaiah 61:1-4,11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all

who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display God’s glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

ANTHEM *The Angel Gabriel* Basque Carol/ arr Hopson
Deborah Cameron/Chapel Choir - Women

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

SERMON “*The Curtain Rises*”

HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Page 93

BENEDICTION

CLOSING CHORUS

**Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

POSTLUDE *Tell Out My Soul* Manz

*Please stand if able



Thank you to Joy Clark & Emily Grubbs for lighting the Advent candles this morning.



We invite you to worship with us Christmas Eve. Bring a friend!

10:00 a.m. Worship with *Joseph Davidson*

5:30 p.m. Family Service

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

Children are invited to don an angel or shepherd costume at the door and participate in the 5:30 Family service

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Alan & Beryl Perry, Nick & Linda Pearce, Lin & Brenda Hall, Rick & Beverly Chenoweth

Volunteers: Marilyn Lundquist, Ellen Bruce

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sun	9:00	Adult Class - Fellowship Hall/Pastor Kathi
	10:00	Worship Service; Nursery/ChapelKidz - downstairs
	11:10	Deacons Meeting in classroom 4
Tue	8:00	Beth-El Volunteers - car pool from SKC
	4:00p	Session Mtg. - classroom 4
Wed	12:00p	Express Lunch & Study – 1 Samuel
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Thu	10:00	PW Bible Study Training - w/Pastor Kathi

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers

*Deborah Doyle Allen	*Seth Erskins	*Patty Parker
*Linda Armstrong	*Jimmy Hatcher	Barbara Patton
*Sandy Baer	*John & Ann Heise	Ida Gordon Poole
†Margo Balaski	Scottie Holliday	*Rob Purser
Dixey Behnken	*Lee Johnson	*Daniel & Jonathan Ramirez
*Irene Bretzlaff	*Robert Johnson, Jr.	*Clay & Ted Reiner
*Linda Newell-Collura	*Doris Kerns	Mary Schleiffarth
*John & LaVerne Davis	*Helen Koch-Klamer	Pam Smith
David Dunlap	*Drew Krause (child)	Nancy Spore
Elanor Dunham	Al Milner	Mary Jane Stein
*Dakota Dunn	Robert Newton	*Donna Trainor
	Walt Olson	Wanda Wilsen
† <i>Recovering from surgery</i>	*Dorothea Paoletta	
		* <i>Friends/family</i>



We encourage you to give to the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Your donations help Church Leaders – Past, Present, and Future.

Offering envelopes are available on the welcome table. Be sure to mark your check “Christmas Joy Offering.”

A **Big Thank You** to all those generous people who provided Christmas gifts for the kids and seniors identified by the Salvation Army. The gifts were picked up on December 8th and will be distributed by the Salvation Army according to the gift tag numbers. Thank you again and the Salvation Army thanks you!

Nicky Ashcraft and Joyce Waterbury

ADULT CLASS 9 a.m.:

December 17, 31: Pastor Kathi begins a 2-week focus on *The History of Christmas*. No class December 24th.

JOIN THE PARTY on December 31st in honor of Julian’s 101st birthday which takes place January 2nd.



Christmas Flowers

Donated by:	In Honor/Memory of:
Frank & Gail Jurenka	Our Parents
Lon & Leslee Deckard	Harold & Virginia Deckard, Alan & Peggy Levine
Mary Jane Smith	My husband, Murray Smith
Jim & Sue Hoy	Dr & Mrs R S Himes; Mr/Mrs James Hoy
Dale Goris	Jane Goris
Bernice Weiss	Charles Weiss & Our Parents
Wallace & Pamela Smith	Wallace & Ruth Smith
	Harry, Clara White & daughter Patricia
Barbara Beard	My husband Jim, Mother Laura Hauffman
Linda Rogos	My husband Roger
Dale & Laura Lattanzio	Our Parents
George & Susan Loesel	Loved Ones
Helga Williams	Hank Williams
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Joan Brennan	Charles F Brennan, Jr
Friends	Virginia Martin
Michael May	Loved ones
Kathleen Shinn	Terry Shinn
Ron & Dee Gagliardi	Loved Ones
Joyce Meier	Fred Meier
Liz Smith	Dick Smith
Alan & Beryl Perry	Our Parents
Ron Conners/Joyce Waterbury	Degrazia/Waterbury family; Sally Conners
Janet Steele	Bob Steele
Vince & Dolly Little	Daughters: Barbara Lock, Elizabeth Garins Little
Stan & Evie Helwig	Loved Ones
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Sherry Davis	Margaret Jane Davis
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Mickey Shoop	Alan Shoop
Ted & Anne Reiner	Harry & Anna Walker, Sam & Dorothea, Lara Reiner
Lin & Brenda Hall	Our Parents & Chris
Bob & Jan Million	Robert & Irene Million
Judy Strenk	Bob Strenk

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Web Master Cliff Menezes
ChapelKidz/Nursery Susie Wills, Deborah Bortnick

Session 2017

Diane Gagliardi (2018) Nominating
Francie Hall (2017) Christian Ed
Margie Kraft (2019). Membership
Susan Barcomb (2019) Clerk of Session
Roger Sandt (2019) Community Outreach
Connie Watson (2019). Fellowship
Pat Smith (2018) Worship
Fred Teeter (2018). Mission Outreach
Joyce Tucker (2017) Finance/President of Trustees
Dick Ulrich (2017). Buildings & Grounds
Chad Weiss (2017) Stewardship
Len Wilson (2018). Personnel

Deacons 2017

Howard Cailor (2019) Visitation
Susan Duink (2017). CD Ministry
Mary Kovach (2017) Flowers (Christmas & Easter)
Sandy Mooney (2017) Flowers
Scott Ramsey (2018) In Home Communion
Wendy Schaal (2019). Visitation
Kathleen Shinn (2018) Meals & Transportation
Judy Strenk (2018). Moderator/Visitation
Helga Williams (2019). Greeting Cards/Visitation

CHURCH STAFF