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SERVING SCHEDULE: DECEMBER

Elder: Ashlyn Reynolds

Greeters

15th St Bev McFadden K St Bill McFadden Canopy Pat Merchant

Outreach Committee Ministry

We are collecting

BEANS AND CORNBREAD

during the month of **December** for

L.I.F.E. Pantry.

Please place all packages in the baskets located in the foyer.

Any food or items you wish to donate

are welcome any month.

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Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance



Please complete the cream-colored card located in the back of each pew and place it in the offering plate. Help us by filling out the card as completely as you can. You may also use the card to inform the office of any prayer requests, joys, concerns, upcoming events, changes, etc.

Turn off cell phones as they may interfere with the live stream. Thank you. *Please Stand (as you are able)

Prelude Come Now, Savior of All - Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. William Brown

*Opening Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates #129 (vs 1, 3 & 4)

*Call to Worship Leader

Leader: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

All: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Leader: Grant us vision to behold your glory.

All: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Leader: Quiet us so we may hear your small, still voice.

All: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Leader: Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion and grace.

All: We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!

Leader: For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

All: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love

of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One Candle is Lit #128 (vs.3)

Lord's Prayer All

Scripture John1: 6-8,19-28 NRSV Worship Leader

Special Music An Advent Song by Michael Bedford – Choir

Music provided by the Youth

A Reading from the Youth

*Blessings and Benediction

Message	Who Are You?	Rev. William Brown
*Hymn of Discipleship	People, Look East	#142
*Invitation to Giving		Rev. William Brown
*Doxology		All
*Prayer of Dedication		Elder
Communion Hymn	like a child	#133 (vs. 1 & 3)
Invitation to Christ's Table	9	Rev. William Brown
Prayer for the Bread and Cup		Elder
Communion Music	O Come, All Ye Faithful - Th	omas Adams
Words of Institution		Rev. William Brown
Taking of the Bread and Cup Together		
*Closing Hymn	All Earth Is Waiting	#139 (vs 1, 2 & 4)

Upcoming Events:

Today: 12/17 09:30 am Coffee Hour

10:30 am Worship

Following Worship Congregational Meeting on Budget

Tuesday: 12/19 2:00 pm Bible Study – **Cancelled Until January**

Sunday: 12/24 09:30 am Coffee Hour

10:30 am11:00 pmSunday Morning WorshipChristmas Eve Worship

Monday: 12/25 All Day Office Closed

Tuesday: 12/26 All Day Office Closed

The congregational meeting to review and vote on the 2024 budget will be held on <u>December 17, 2023</u>. Please plan to attend this important meeting immediately following worship, which is open to the entire congregation.

Prayer List: Karen Hackney **Emily Roberts** Liam Harting Paula Beaton Rita Roberts Levi Chisholm Gloria Hilkey **Betty Robbins** Janet Cooper Ethan Holsapple Sydney Sowders Leo Coulter Ainsley Jefferies Shirley Stroud Beth Joyner Candy Sykes Tina Corum Tim Tincher Judy Juranek Chantell Emberton Van Kavanaugh Olive Embree and the Greg VanCleave Defne Leonard Ryan Embree Family Mark Wingo Aaron Evans' Family Danny Lyons Nathan Witt Wanda McPike Ridge Wolka Dave Facion's Family Fred Wolka Sr. Finney Family William Metz Jerry Francis Roger Wykoff Sheila Miskuf Ariene Gilbert Patricia Morris

Those away from home serving the church, in military, civil service, education and work.

Shelly Perrson

Those unable to be with us in Worship:

James Hackney

Homebound - Karen Anderson, Vivian Fishel, Leona Russell

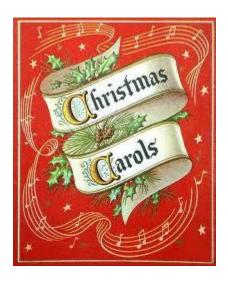
Autumn Trace – Laverne Speer (109), Betty Wagoner (110)

Majestic Care - (Garden Villa) – Jacob Householder (611)

Stonebridge - Carol Mifflin (502), Paul Miller (516), Carolyn Tumey (109), Jimmy Waggoner (208)

Bell Trace (Bloomington) – Shirley McMunn (1118B)

Please advise Elder Susan Maxwell-Lewis or the church office of any prayer concerns or updates. You may also fill out a pew card & drop it in the offering plate.



ALL CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING.

Come join the fun and festivities
Monday, December 18, 6:00 pm

Gathering in our beautifully decorated sanctuary to sing many of the well loved and enjoyed seasonal carols!

A special evening with Mary Ruth Yates playing the pipe organ, Tim Thompson on piano, and You, along with others sharing the joys of Christmas!

Invite all your family and friends to come and enjoy singing and celebrating the season. Hope to see you there!



You are invited to provide a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one to be placed on the chancel for the Christmas holiday season.

I wish to order	Poinsettia at \$10.00 each =
	\$

My gift to be listed in the bulletin (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY):

In Memory of	_
In Honor of	
Given by	

Please fill out completely and drop it along with your payment in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Order form and payment must be in the office by **December 17.**