

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Holy Lord, we confess we often are distracted by the season's busyness and stress. We are tempted to put Christmas traditions ahead of its true meaning. Forgive us for the times we have failed to see You in our midst and for the times we have doubted Your presence. Pour peace into our lives and let us be bearers of Your peace to others. In the holy name of our Savior, Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:3-7

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Psalm 22:23-31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 1:39-56

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "The First Noel" #136

SERMON "Fierce Mary"

*HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #133

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) by Robert Rae
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG "What Can I Give Him?" #154

(*) If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas cards are available for pick-up in the fellowship hall. If you are able to deliver cards to people who are not here this morning, please do.

The nativities from the party will be on display on the fellowship hall stage until after Christmas. Speak with Ruth if you'd like to take something home from one of them.

Join us for our Christmas Eve service tonight at 7:30. Our traditional service will include carols, candle-lighting, communion, and an original Christmas tale. Special music will begin about 15-20 minutes before the service.

The Christmas Eve offering will support the work of the deacons for the coming year.

We will ordain and install new officers during worship on January 7.

We will hold our 13th annual Lego Tournament on Saturday, January 13, 10:00-2:00. Please use the flyers in the lobby to invite young creators. We also need several people to assist with registration and with lunch. Speak with Peter if you'd like to lend a hand.

Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the entry way...If you didn't get any and want some let Peter know or leave a note on the secretary desk.

The Evans City Food Bank is accepting paper products and storage bags for December.

Special Prayers of Concern:

Louise S.
Jim P.
Josh K.
Maggie D.
Ed & Jeanne C.
Betty L.
Dolly K.
Joan T.
Howard B.
Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

Ryan & Alethia White, Germany

Military:

Jeremy H.
Matthew David M.
Justin T.
Scott F.
Glen P.
Will B.
Jacob H.
Christian C.
Ryan W.
Hunter M.
Christopher H.
Arthur B.
Kevin E.
Danner C.
Daniel B.
Spencer K.
Luke O.
Addison D.
Colton V.