

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor

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Mitchell K.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 42:1-4

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #141

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Isaiah 11:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

*HYMN "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #135

CANTATA "Good News from Home"

Good News from Home Medley

Cherish That Name

Make Room for Jesus

Soloist: Dick Currie

Christ Is Born Medley

Manger Medley

O Holy Night!

O Night Divine

Soloist: Vanessa Bonetti

Tell the Good News Medley

*HYMN "The First Noel" #136

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)
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG "A Nativity Prayer" #126

(*) If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Advent Candles will be lit today by Nancy K., Gloria D., and Bonnie E.

Today's Scripture reader is Becky G..

We will hold a brief congregational meeting during announcements to elect Marcy E. to session.

The choir will present the Christmas cantata "Good News from Home" during worship today.

Join us after worship in the fellowship hall to celebrate Ray K's 90th birthday!

Stop by the table in the lobby to pick up your Christmas cards from the exchange. Are you able to deliver cards to someone who's not here today?

Plan to celebrate Christ's birth with us on Christmas Eve. Our traditional worship service will begin at 7:30 and will include carols, communion, candle-lighting, and an original Christmas story.

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

We will have worship on Christmas Day at 11:00. There will be no Sunday School.

The Lego Tournament will be held January 14. Please help spread the word, and tell Peter if you'd like to help.

Copies of the updated cemetery policy are available in the lobby.

The Evans City Food Cupboard is collecting paper products and storage bags for December.

Special Prayers of Concern:

Bonnie S.
Louise S.
Jim P.
Betty L.
Joan T.
Howard B.
Dolly K.
Rose F.
Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo, Thailand

Military:

Jeremy H.
Matthew David M.
Justin T.
Scott F.
Frank D.
Michael S.
Glen P.
Will B.
Jacob H.
Christian C.
Ryan W.
Hunter M.
Christopher H.
Arthur B.
Kevin E.
Danner C.
Daniel B.
Spencer K.
Alex T.

Poinsettia List:

Given by:	In Memory or in Honor of:
Ruth Geller	Our former members buried in our cemetery
Becky McMaster	Jim & Lorraine Ritchey: Norma & Pete Master
Jim & Sally Pavlina	Our Parents
Linda Millson	Ray Neese
Velma Neese	Laura & Herbert Wood
Vanessa Keil	Mick Pappas Sr.
Mick Pappas	Loved Ones
Annette Baldt	Sylvia Grieb, Jacob Baldt & In honor of our family.
Jill McDonald	Family Members
Ruth Jones	Loved Ones
Rose Watson	Wyndle Watson
Mary Rae Thompson	Loved Ones
Ray & Nancy Knox	Loved Ones
Pat Wills & Family	Boots Wills
Don Callen	Loved Ones