

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

December 12, 2021

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN "The Advent of Our God" #120

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison): "Lord God, you have sent light into this world, but we live as though darkness still reigns supreme. We ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We keep the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Open our eyes to Jesus and prepare us for his return. Help us rejoice in the light of your grace that illuminates the dark places of our hearts. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Luke 1:68-79

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

SPECIAL MUSIC "Follow"

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Isaiah 40:3-11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 1:67-79

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN "The First Noel" #136

SERMON "Breaking the Silence"

\*HYMN "Joy to the World!" #125

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) #625

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing)  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "Come On, Ring Those Bells" #153  
(\* If you are able, please stand.)

Special Prayers of Concern:

- Bonnie S.
- Louise S.
- Peggy M.
- Joan T.
- Gerry C.
- Howard B.
- Dolly K.
- Rose F.
- Geri C.
- Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

- Leisa Wagstaff, South Sudan
- Esther Wakeman, Thailand

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are not vaccinated and have not had COVID, please wear a mask when indoors.

Leading Worship This Morning:  
Advent Candles: the S family  
Scripture Reader: Dick C

Join us after worship for a Christmas party in the fellowship hall! We'll enjoy good food, carols, a gift exchange game, and a holiday challenge.

Today is the deadline to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. You will be able to take them home after the Christmas Eve service.

Drop off your cards in the lobby today for the Christmas card exchange. You will be able to pick up your cards on December 19; unclaimed cards will be discarded after New Year's.

The choir will present the cantata "The Gift Goes on" during worship next week.

Plan to begin your holiday celebration at our Christmas Eve service, starting at 7:30.

Our livestream team could use another member! If you would like to help on occasion, please speak with Heather I or Roger W.

Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve on session, as a deacon, or on the church nominating committee. Speak with Jill M for more information.

Collection bins in the lobby:  
Butler High School: personal hygiene and feminine products  
Lighthouse: shopping bags and egg cartons

Anyone who is interested in ordering Poinsettias they are \$6.50 and the sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Last day to order is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Evans City Food Cupboard is in need of paper products, storage bags, and containers for the month of December.

### Military:

Jeremy H.  
Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott F.  
Frank Dill  
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.