

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 4, 2022

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:3-5, 9

*HYMN "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" #119

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Lord, listen to our cry for mercy. Do not bring us into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Let the morning bring us word of your unfailing love, for we have put my trust in you. Show us the way we should go, and in your unfailing love teach us to do your will. May your good Spirit lead us on level ground. Preserve our lives, for we are your servants. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 2:10-18

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #123

SERMON "Like Us in Every Way"

*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #138

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 Frances H., 1997
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG "A Nativity Prayer" #126

(* If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship This Morning:

Advent Candles: the E. family
Scripture Reader: Nancy K.

Today's prayer of confession is adapted from Psalm 143.

After worship today, please....

- Sign this week's card of caring in the lobby
- Help pack food for the students of L. Academy
- Enjoy fellowship and conversation at Donut Time!

An updated address and phone list is available in the lobby.

Next Sunday is the deadline to drop off your cards for the Christmas card exchange. Please bundle your cards in alphabetical order, and only include people who attend on Sundays. You will be able to pick up your cards on December 18.

Join us for a Christmas party after worship next week, as we celebrate "July in Christmas"! Wear summer clothes (or bring some to change into after worship) and share a dish that you would bring to a summer picnic. Bring a gift for the exchange game (\$5.00) limit.

The choir will present the Christmas cantata "Good News from Home" during worship on December 18.

Copies of Cindy M.' Christmas CD are available for a donation of \$10 or more. See the pastor if you'd like one.

Plan to celebrate Christ's birth with us at our Christmas Eve service, beginning at 7:30.

The Lego Tournament will return on January 14! Watch for more information coming soon.

The Butler Overnight Warming Center is looking for volunteers to serve one night a month. See the bulletin board for details.

The Evans City Food Cupboard needs paper products and storage bags for the month of December.

The Lighthouse Toy Drive is Nov.-Dec. 11. 0 to 16 yr. old children. Do not wrap any gift. If you don't like to shop, Gift cards are a nice option. Please give cards to a Deacon. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas poinsettias may now be ordered. Sign up sheet is in the church lobby. Please indicate color (red, white, pink, marble), and if applicable, for whom it is being memorialized or honored. Order deadline is December 11. Cost is \$8 per plant. Please give your payment to Lorene W. or Becky G.

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:

John McCall, Taiwan

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.