

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 19, 2021

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Isaiah 11:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "Away in a Manger" #157

CHOIR CANTATA "The Gift Goes on"

The Gift Goes on Medley

Joyful Medley

Christmas Star

The Presence of Glory

Isn't He? (Vanessa B, soloist)

Rose of Bethlehem

All Rise

The Gift Finale

*HYMN "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #128

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:

Richard and Debbie Welch, Guatemala

Michael and Rachel Weller, Ethiopia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Leading Worship This Morning:

Advent Candles: the S family

Scripture Reader: Teresa K

Children's Time: Dina B

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve worship service at 7:30 PM, with carols, communion, an original Christmas tale, and candle-lighting. Come early to enjoy special music!

The offering at the Christmas Eve service will support the work of the deacons for the next year, as they care for those in need in our community and congregation. Please make checks payable to "Old Union Deacons."

The Lego Tournament will be held Saturday January 22, as we welcome imaginative 1st-6th graders to demonstrate their creativity. Please use the flyers in the lobby to invite those who may be interested. Speak with Peter if you'd like to help with the meal, with registration, or with judging.

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

The session will meet tomorrow at 7:00.

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

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

We have been contacted by the counselor from the Butler Senior High School, thanking us for all we do. They could use Chapstick, deodorant, hair ties, brushes, combs, toothpaste and tooth brushes.

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.

