

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 3:3; Zechariah 9:9

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

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiveness but our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to receive your redemption but our resistance to follow you. In this Advent time, forgive our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with obedience, as Mary; and with love, as you have loved us. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "What Child Is This?" #137

CHRISMON SERVICE

*HYMN "Away in a Manger" #158

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 "What Can I Give Him?" #154

(* If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During worship today we will decorate the Christmas tree with Chrismons, sacred symbols that remind us what we believe.

The Advent candle will be lit today by Ralph and Janet J..

The deacons will meet after worship today.

A variety of Advent devotional booklets are available in the lobby to help guide your spiritual journey to Christmas.

New officer training and orientation meetings continue next Sunday, beginning at 10:00.

Drop off your cards for the Christmas card exchange by next week, so cards will be ready for pick-up on December 17. Please only include people who attend church regularly, and bundle your cards in alphabetical order.

The church Christmas party will be held next week after worship. Please bring a wrapped gift for the exchange game (no more than \$5); children will have a separate set of gifts. If you are able, please bring a dish to share, and be prepared for a few surprises with our "Nativity Activity!"

The choir will present its Christmas cantata on December 17.

Plan to make our Christmas Eve service part of your holiday celebration. Worship will begin at 7:30 and will include carols, candle-lighting, communion, and an original Christmas tale. (We will also have our regular 11:00 AM worship that day.)

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

Old Union's annual Cookie Sale will be on Dec. 9. Please sign up on the sheets in the lobby if you would like to bake cookies, and/or order cookies. The deadline date to place your cookie order is Dec. 6. Trays are \$28 for 4 doz cookies, and boxes of 2 doz cookies are \$14. Speak with anyone on the Fundraising Committee if you have any questions.

The Annual Toy Shoppe by the Lighthouse and the Deacons, are collecting new unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 0-17. You can also provide gift cards with a value of at least \$25. December 10th is the last day for donations.

Poinsettia flowers can be ordered now to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To try and accommodate getting the colors desired by everyone, the deadline to order is Dec.10. Each potted plant is \$8.50. Please sign up in the lobby. Kindly give your payment to Lorene W. or Becky G., or let them know that you included your payment in your offering envelope.

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:

Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

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.

Alex T.

Luke O.