

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 10, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #124

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "We need you, O God. We are lost in our own loneliness, burdened by our own sins, and broken by our own pride. We seek solace and strength in everything but you. In this season of Advent, give us hearts that long to seek you above all things, and spirits with the courage to put our hope in you. Fill us with a faith that expects you to move mountains and to lead us to your eternal home, as we pray in Christ's name. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 16:4-5

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): John 1:1-14

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 37:7-19

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SERMON "Waiting for God"

*HYMN "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" #152

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

DEDICATION OF THE LECTERN (See enclosed litany)

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) Romans 13:11-14
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG "What Can I Give Him?" #154

(*) If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship This Morning:
Advent Candles: the W. family
Scripture Reader: Heather I.

During worship today we will dedicate the new lectern, given in loving memory of Margaret "Peg" B.

New officer training and orientation concludes next Sunday at 10:00.

Drop off your cards in the lobby for the Christmas card exchange. Please only include people who attend church regularly and bundle them in alphabetical order. Cards will be ready for pick-up on December 17. Contact Mary Beth Truver if you'd like to help sort cards.

Join us after worship for our Christmas party! We will share good food, enjoy a "Nativity Activity," and play our gift exchange game.

The choir will present its Christmas cantata during worship next week.

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

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: We praise you, O Lord, by whose power, wisdom, and love all things are made holy and good.

People: In your mercy, bless us and look upon us with your favor.

Leader: May all that we do bring you pleasure and honor your holy name.

People: May your beauty and grace be upon us.

Leader: In the memory of Margaret "Peg" B., we ask you to receive this memorial.

People: May it bring you glory and praise, and may we treasure it with reverence and gratitude.

Leader: Let your blessing rest upon this lectern;

People: May it make your truth be made known to your people.

Leader: May all who read from it be filled with trust in your good news;

People: May all who hear receive your word with honest and good hearts.

Leader: Enlighten us with the knowledge of your truth;

People: Cause your church to arise and shine.

Leader: Fill us with faith, hope, and love;

People: May we bear fruit for your glory.

All: All praise to you, O triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!

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:

Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin, South Asia

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.
Addison D.
Colton V.