

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor

Rev. Dr. Peter d.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

December 22, 2024, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (tune #157)

The candle of love tells us what we are worth:  
God loves us so much that Christ came to the earth  
An angel brought news of a child who would be  
The one who would save us and set us all free.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

\*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #141

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" #132

**CANTATA "Messiah: Heaven's Glory"**

Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Sing Noel Medley  
Messiah Soloists: Jill McDonald, Heather Ishenbaugh  
Silent Night  
He Shall Reign Forevermore Soloist: Vanessa Bonetti  
God with Us Medley  
What a Beautiful Name  
Joy to the World

\*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #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) #624

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

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

\*CLOSING SONG "Child of Love" #156

(\* If you are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship This Morning:

Advent Candles: Doug F. and Bonnie G.

Scripture Reader: Linda M.

Please pick up your Christmas cards in the lobby. If you can deliver cards for someone who isn't here this morning, please take theirs as well.

Make plans to celebrate Christ's birth with us at our Christmas Eve service, which begins at 7:30. The service will include carols, candle-lighting, communion, and an original Christmas tale. The offering from the Christmas Eve service will support the work of the deacons for the coming year.

The Helping Hands will meet after worship next week.

We will ordain and install our new officers during worship on January 5.

The Lego Tournament will be held Saturday January 11. Please speak with Peter if you'd like to help.

You can pick up an updated copy of the phone and address list in the lobby.

The Evan City Food Cupboard is collecting paper products and storage bags for December.

A huge thank you to our 16 bakers who made 48 different varieties of cookies. We filled orders for 278 dozen and still had some to send with our carolers, the Lego Tournament and Meals on Wheels. Also thanks to those who sold or bought them. I can't forget those who helped buy the containers. Our profit was \$2,103.

In January our church will provide desserts for South Butler Meals on Wheels. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to help. On Sundays Linda M. would be happy to take your desserts and deliver to MOW. Or you can deliver to the back entrance of Glade Run Presbyterian Church between 8:00 and 9:30am. Thank you for supporting MOW.

Special Prayers of Concern:

Louise S.  
Josh K.  
Maggie D.  
Ed & Jeanne C.  
Gloria U.  
Dick C.  
Logan R.  
Betty L.  
Dolly K.  
Joan T.  
Howard B.  
Midge M.  
Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers

Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Emily Sietz, Taiwan

Military:

Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott F.  
Will B.  
Jacob H.  
Christian C.  
Ryan W.  
Hunter M.  
Christopher H.  
Kevin E.  
Danner C.  
Daniel B.  
Spencer K.  
Luke O.  
Addison D.  
Colton V.

Poinsettias are provided by the following persons in memory of:

Ruth J.  
Nancy K. & family  
Dave D./Gloria U.  
Velma N.  
Mary Rae T.  
Pat W. & family  
Don C.  
Craig & Becky M.

Vanessa K.  
Carl P.

Ken G. & family  
Ron & Sarah W.

Loved ones  
Ray K.  
Loved ones  
Ray N.  
Loved ones  
Boots W.  
Loved ones  
Jim & Lorraine R.  
Francis & Norma M.  
Mick P., Sr & Loved ones  
Fred & Hazel P. family  
Carol T.  
Loved ones  
Duck & Dolores N.  
Heinie & Mary Jane R.  
Mick P., Sr  
In honor of Jean P.