

“The magic of simplicity in a sometimes “not very simple” world ----- Advent is here!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

**in the peace and quiet of our “humble temple” ...
we rejoice and are nourished by God’s spirit.**

Welcome ... we are honored by your presence. We enjoy very much having kids in church. When they get a bit noisy and goofy ... we ask you please to respect the sanctity of our worship service, and the comfort of your neighbor.

We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants.

Welcome ---- a kind Advent greeting would be nice!!

OPENING PRAYER

It probably won’t happen ... but a little less “scurrying around” would be helpful. Maybe some more prayer and thoughtfulness. Less worry about “presents” ... and more time to say thanks for the “presence” of your son. A dash of grace. Some much-needed patience & kindness. “A humble carpenter” ---- born in a star-graced stable.

The gift.

So simple. So pure. And yet we can make it oh-so-complicated.

Help me, Lord, see religion for what it’s really supposed to be ----- a walk of kindness ... a bold invitation to love unconditionally ... the freedom to accept who I am ... and to go out into the world and really

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

You “prepare the royal highway” ---- a street where miracles can happen ... when we embrace the goodness and power of your spirit --- amen.

opening song

“Prepare the royal highway” 264

the liturgy page 98

“This is the feast” page 101

readings for the day

*1st lesson *the psalm *2nd lesson

please rise for the gospel

“alleluia” page 102

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids’ time

song

“It came up the midnight clear” 282

meditation

the creed page 105

offering and offertory

“holy, holy, holy” page 108

choir anthem ... “Listen” 11:00

Prayers and sharing the Lord’s Supper

“Lamb of God” page 112

Communion songs: 257 (vv. 1,2,3) 269, 277, 279

“alleluia, he’s my savior, alleluia”

closing song

“Joy to the world” 267

benediction

and

“three-fold amen”

We have beautiful flowers gracing our church today ...

*from Tom and Debbie Hohbach, in loving memory of Debbie's dad – Bernie Zartler – on his 80th birthday.

*from Ken Johnson, in celebration of his wife Kathy's birthday.

*from Sandy and Wayne Demkowicz, in loving memory of their grandson – Becket Demkowicz.

*from Dave, Megan, and Jenna Mitchell ... in loving memory of Jack on his 21st birthday.

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

*from Brenda Metz ... in loving memory of her mom ---
Joyce Van Drie.

Monday: Youth Group Christmas Dinner, 6:30

No cost ... compliments of our church and
Peggy and Don (mostly Peggy).

Tuesday: *Stitch and Sew, 6:30

*Church Council, 7:00

Thursday: Advent Supper, 6:30

Advent worship, 7:30

Next Sunday: Our Sunday School kids help us
celebrate the Christmas story, 4:00

OUR OUTREACH IS IN FULL SWING ...names to adopt
on far table ... and the "love bucket" gladly and graciously
accepts your cash/check donations.

FORMS AND PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE for
donating a poinsettia plant for the Christmas season.

**Gift wrapping for outreach, Dec. 11 at 10:00

**Men's Club Christmas party, Dec. 11, 5:30

*ARTISTS' F AIRE ... December 5 and 8