LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN
MEET & GREET
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
"The First Noel"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE
"Advent Candle Song"
Solo: Sarah Flaherty
Lighting the Candle
Greg, Dianna, Drew & AJ Hatch

WORSHIP CONTINUES
“Waiting Here for You”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
1st-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“All is Well”
Janet and Roger Winder

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Luke 1:26–38 (NRSV)

MESSAGE
“It’s a Wonderful Life”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Today the children are invited to remain in worship for the cantata or go to Room 3 for Sunday School worship class after the offering time.
Teacher: Justine Raiz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3 Teachers: Melissa Michalk Long & Amy Kemerer, Grace Michalk
1st & 2nd Grades Room 16 Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.
Teachers: Steve Cantin & Jeremy Stephen
3rd-5th Grades Room 8 Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Today your child may attend the service with the cantata, or move to Room 3 at the offering time.
Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Middle & High School Christian Education
Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.
9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we study different Biblical figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: Does God have a nation? We’ll use the tenets of our reformed faith and scripture as Garry Justice and Barbara Englehart lead our discussion of God and Country. Please join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15
TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
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Order for the Public Worship of God
December 21, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the service begins.
Please silence electronic devices.

“Darkness into Light” by Mary McDonald

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INVOCATION

FIRST READING

John 1:1-5

PROLOGUE

“Come to the Light” Mary McDonald
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

SECOND READING

John 1:14; 6-13

CAROL

(“Come, All Ye Faithful” Mary McDonald)

(all stand and sing as directed)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

(Choir) As Christmas nears we light his way, but not to a stable door,
Lord Jesus come and live within our hearts forevermore!
We light the Advent candle to shine on us today,
To give us love, to make us warm
While we await the coming of Christmas Day.

(8:15) The Birch Family: Russ, Tracey, James, Katie and Sarah
(11:00) Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Celtic Advent Carol” Michael Barrett
Gemma Briggs, Carissa Johnston, Robert Wood, Jeremy Stephen
Kylie Torres, Flute

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Be not afraid. I bring you good news. The Savior is coming to you in glory.
He shall be called “God’s Holy One.” Will you be ready for Him when He comes?
Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare ye the way.
Sleepers awake, for soon is the dawning. He will turn night into glorious day.
Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry every tear.
Love now with us, God’s perfect Son. Will you be ready for Him when He comes?

VENI, EMANUEL. Captivum solve Israel. Veni, Emmanuel. Jesus is coming. Could He be coming today?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
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THIRD READING

Luke 1:26-33

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FOURTH READING

Luke 2:8-15

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SIXTH READING

Matthew 2:1-11

“Rise Up, Children Arise” Bill Martin, Tenor

SEVENTH READING

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EIGHTH READING

“Come to the Light” (reprise)

“Hallelujah! Lord of Light!”

(all stand and sing as directed)

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