

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	
Provide Bread & Prepare Communion	Jay Sohn
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Donna Rusk
Deacons	Linda Yeoman Jay Sohn Julie McCatchey
Communion Prayer	
Lunch & Carols	
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Christmas Eve	
Provide Bread & Prepare Communion	
Greeters	Lundys
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler
Deacons	Russ Lundy Betty Lou Lundy VeeAnn Cartwright
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24
Adult SS <u>8:45 p.m.</u> Worship <u>10:00 a.m.</u> <u>Food Pantry</u> Lunch and Christmas Caroling Following Worship	Office Closed		Out-to-Lunch <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Centering Prayer <u>12-12:30 p.m.</u> Winter Solstice Service <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Choir 8:00 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.			Worship 10:00 a.m.  Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

**Out-to-Lunch**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 11:30 a.m.**  
Biaggi's Restaurant  
5990 University Ave., WDM  
Hosts: Don & Karen  
(Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.)

**Winter Solstice  
Contemplative Worship**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 20**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Join us for contemplative worship featuring Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, musician and liturgical artist known for his thoughtful and meditative melodies.

**Financial Notes**  
Dec. 3, 2017  
Total Deposit \$3,763.00  
Dec. 10, 2017  
Total Deposit \$2,338.00



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

We are spiritual seekers working to grow in our love of God . . .

**A WORD OF WELCOME**

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.  
If you have prayer requests you'd like lifted up in prayer, please write them on the insert provided on the back of the pew.

**PRELUDE** “The Holly and the Ivy” arr J. Martin

**\*OPENING HYMN #150** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ”

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Donna Rusk

O Wisdom from the Most High,  
Bring to us now your perceptive guidance.  
**Clear out our noise so we hear your voice.**  
Help us calm our frenetic hearts and minds.  
**Persuade us to open ourselves to you.**  
Enter our resistances and determinations.  
**Influence what lies unresolved on our path.**  
Counsel us when we forget you are near.  
**Steer us again and again toward the path**  
**That leads us to integrity and truth. Amen.**

*Fragments of Your Ancient Name, Joyce Rupp*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #132** The Third Advent Candle is lit  
Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** “Awake! Sing Gloria!” J. Martin

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

*(Please join us in supporting the DMARC food pantry with a special offering.)*

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Matthew 1:18-25 pg. 1 Donna Rusk

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

deepening our connection to each other . . .

**MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER** *(Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)*

**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, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE #124** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

Donna Rusk

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY “Good King Wenceslas” arr Larsen

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.*

. . . and sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

**\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #147** “Away in a Manger”

**\*POSTLUDE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr DeVries

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister**  
**Judith Henry, Music Director**