

December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Provide Bread and Prepare	
Communion	Drue Cavanaugh
Greeter	Christine Young-Denny
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Karen Vroman
Deacons	Donna Rusk Corby Roberts Drue Cavanaugh
Communion Prayer	Geoff Wall
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Refreshments	Karen Vroman
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

December 24 Christmas Eve	
Provide Bread and Prepare	Russ & Betty Lou
Communion	Lundy
Greeters	Lundys
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Connie Schindler
Deacons	Linda Yeoman Sue Courtney
Communion Prayer	
Church Transportation	Drue Cavanaugh 986-3737

Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
Adult SS 8:45 am <u>Food Pantry</u> Christmas <u>Offering</u> Congregational Meeting after Worship	Office Closed		Out-to- Lunch <u>11:30 am</u> Centering Prayer <u>12:00 pm</u> Winter Solstice Service 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am		Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00 pm	Christmas Day no services

Please join us for a brief congregational meeting following worship to approve a 2017 budget and slate of officers.

Winter Solstice Worship
Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Join us for a contemplative worship featuring Richard Bruxvoort Colli-gan, known for his psalmody and meditative melodies.

December 18, 2016
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

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 "Duo French Carols" arr Hopson

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive) Karen Vroman

And this shall be a sign:

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,

And she shall name him Immanuel.

God is with us.

*OPENING HYMN #155 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Karen Vroman

**We thought we knew where to find you;
we hardly needed a star to guide the way,
just perseverance and common sense;
why do you hide yourself away from the powerful
and join the refugees and outcasts,
calling us to follow you there?
Wise God, give us wisdom.**

**Bring us to that manger, to that true rejoicing,
which will make wisdom, justice and righteousness alive in us.**

Stephen Orchard

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #128 (Verse 4)

**Come wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.**

One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Mary Did You Know" arr McDonald

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG

(Please join us in supporting the DMARC Food Pantry with a special offering.)

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Matthew 1:18-25 pg. 1
Karen Vroman

MORNING PRAYERS/THE LORD'S 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.

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "What Love Does" Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #160 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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 Karen Vroman

COMMUNION PRAYER Geoff Wall

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr Lanz

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #144 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*POSTLUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" arr Faber

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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