

**December 3
First Sunday of Advent**

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Drue Cavanaugh
 Greeters
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Christine Denny
 Deacons Derek Roberts
 Corby Roberts
 Karen Vroman
 Communion Prayer Drue Cavanaugh
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Karen Vroman
 Fellowship Refreshments Derek Roberts
 Karen Vroman
 Church Transportation Drue Cavanaugh
 986-3737

**December 10
Second Sunday of Advent**

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Karen Vroman
 Greeters
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Linda Yeoman
 Deacons Tom Small
 Linda Small
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Jane Shane
 Fellowship Refreshments Jane Shane
 Church Transportation Drue Cavanaugh
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Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
Adult SS 8:45 p.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Q & A Following Worship	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	Friday Fellowship 6:00 p.m.		Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Congrega- tional Meeting Following Worship

**Friday Fellowship
Friday, December 8 - 6:00 p.m.**

Place: Hal & Donna Rusk
 2108 46th St., Des Moines
 Please RSVP to Donna, Cell# 321-6972
 or h.rusk@mchsi.com
 Please bring a dish to share.

Financial Notes

November 19, 2017
 Total Deposit \$4,328.00
 November 26, 2017
 Total Deposit \$1,415.00



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
 Switch hearing aid to T-coil mode
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December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
Worship 10:00 a.m.

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 "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's Messiah

***OPENING HYMN #138** "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

***GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Christine Denny

What I say to you, I say to all: "Keep awake."

For it is important that awake people be awake,

Or a breaking line may discourage them back to sleep;

The signals we give—yes or no, or maybe— should be clear:

The darkness around us is deep.

In deepest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,

As morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.

Awake, awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning,

We sing with joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.

Mark 13; William Stafford; CH 138

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #132** The First Advent Candle is lit

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,

giving a promise of safety and worth.

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 "Prepare" J. Martin

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Mark 13:32-37 pg. 14 Christine Denny

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Awake People" Rev. Paul Witmer

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

deepening our connection to each other . . .

MORNING PRAYERS

Pillar Prayers

Silent Prayer

Art Prayer

Candle Prayers

Post-It Prayers (public)

Post-It Prayers (private)

SUNG PRAYER #34 "Glory to God"

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN OF INVITATION #119 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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

Christine Denny

COMMUNION PRAYER

Drue Cavanaugh

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Enter in the Wilderness" Hasidic Folk Song

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 #132** "When God Is a Child"

***POSTLUDE** "Ukrainian Bell Carol" Leontovych/arr J. Martin

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director