

**November 26**

Provide Bread & Prepare  
 Communion Donna Rusk  
 Greeters Lundys  
 Candle Lighter  
 Worship Leader Karen Vroman  
 Deacons Russ Lundy  
 Betty Lou Lundy  
 Don Cavanaugh  
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Rita Strohmman  
 Fellowship Refreshments Rita Strohmman  
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk  
 321-8974

**December 3 - First Sunday of Advent**

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

Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3
Adult SS 8:45 p.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	CFUM Supper		Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.  Q & A Following Worship

**Advent Decorations**

If you are able to stay after worship **today**, we'd love some help getting out the Christmas and Advent decorations for the season. Thanks!



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We are spiritual seekers  
 working to grow in our love of God,  
 deepening our connection to each other and

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come journey together...

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

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**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** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Darwall/arr Curry

**\*OPENING HYMN #27** "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Verses 1-3)

**\*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)**

Karen Vroman

Mighty and tender God, You, the deep within all, you,  
the encompassing heart of all,

**We enter now into your kind-dom,**

**Your community of wholeness, A realm of peace.**

We bring our hunger, and the hunger of our world.

**We bring our inner stranger, and the exiled of the world.**

We bring our hurting selves, and the hurting of the world.

**We open to healing.**

Inspired, we dare to imagine integrity in our inner life, our relationships, our planet,  
and our political systems.

**We dare to imagine the reign of Christ, Love's Servant,  
Your heart for an unfolding cosmos. Amen.**

*If Darwin Prayed, Bruce Sanguin*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #27 Verse 4**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!**

**Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,**

**and to eternity love and adore.**

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** "Canticle of Thanksgiving" Dale Wood

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** Matthew 25:31-46 pg. 29

Karen Vroman

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD**

"Choices"

Rev. Paul Witmer

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 #354** "Seek Ye First"

**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 (Responsive)

Would that it were true, your authority over the nations could cease endless war.

**Would that it were true, your reign of love in hearts could end entitlement.**

Would that it were true, your supremacy of mind could halt ego pursuits.

**King of the Nations, Ruler of Hearts, may each of us turn toward you at this table of love and grace.**

May these signs of love and sacrifice help us reflect your compassionate leadership.

**From this table, may we be blessed to go forth with your kingship ruling in our hearts.**

*(Adapted from Joyce Rupp, Fragments)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God" arr Raney

*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** (See Insert) "Soon and Very Soon"

**\*POSTLUDE** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Kendrick/arr Keveren

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.*

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