

LOOK BEYOND

The true meaning of Christmas

Fort Dodge, Iowa | December 15, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Delpha Holtzman

VIDEO – “Keeping Christ the Main Thing”

INTRODUCTION – Gabriel Alves

He Is The Gift – Elle Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP

VIDEO – “Greatest Gift”

POEM – “The Greatest Gift of All”

How Quietly – Chancel Choir

Elle Clark, soloist

POEM – “Once In A Manger”

O Holy Night – Samuel Opfer

MORNING PRAYER AND TIME FOR CONFESSION

POEM – “Jesus Is the Reason”

One Small Child – Chancel Choir

- Elle Clark & Samuel Opfer soloists

POEM – “The Christmas Story”

A Christmas Blessing – Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE, REFLECTION & PRAYER

Rev. Paul Masters

POEM – “The True Meaning of Christmas I”

Here With Us – Laurie Johnson

VIDEO – “The True Meaning of Christmas”

POEM – “The True Meaning of Christmas II”

Mary Did You Know/All Is Well

- Teresa Jackson & Samule Opfer

BENEDICTION

Thank You To Our Musicians

Chancel Choir

Band:

Violin – Amanda Warren

Synthesizer – Jan Moeller

Piano – Rebecca Reitmeier

Contrabass – Dari Cook

Tech: Isac Jamba

Prayers for December 15th – 21st

Members of the Church:

Phyllis Chance, Linda Ruge, Colleen Deal,

Ed Deal, Linda Gross, Joe Jackson,

Duane Amhof & Harlan Vande Berg

Friends of the Church:

Dennis Meisgeier

Prayer Families:

Josh & Kim Mason (Katie, Drew, Emma)

Landry McBride

Mark & Ellen McBride (Tru)

Piera McBride

Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

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Trinity United Methodist Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on December 8th was 183 (135, 17 FB, 31 YT). The offering on 12/08/24 was \$18,208.91. The amount needed each week is \$10,307.00. The total contributions through 12/08/24 are \$464,061.59. The amount needed through 12/08/24 is \$494,736.00.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Jim, Heather, Josiah & Noah Peck

Advent Candle Lighter: Delpha Holtzman

Readers: Joe Jackson, Linda Whiting & Teresa Jackson

Elder: Linda Whiting

Bus Driver: Don Miller

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Linda Whiting in loving memory of Dick Whiting whose birthday was December 14th and her mother, Marian DeKoster Whiting whose birthday was December 18th.

Wednesday Programs

The last Wednesday programs will be this Wednesday, December 18th. Programs and the All-Ages Dinner will return on January 15th.

We will not have the All-Ages Dinner in December.

Christmas Schedule

Please join us at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm on December 24th. Both services will be in the sanctuary. We will only have children's church during the 4:00 pm service. There will be a children's moment at both services.