

"Christianity is the story of how the rightful King has landed... in disguise... calling us to take part in His great sabotage"

~ C.S Lewis

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC #22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

People: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Leader: But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

People: Teach us, O Lord, how to lead lives of holiness and godliness while, in accordance with your promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess we neglect to seek your wisdom for our lives. Instead, we think more highly of ourselves and our own knowledge, choosing to go our own way in this world. Lord, have mercy. We let the cares and concerns of this world crowd out the promise of your Word, that you are with us always. Christ, have mercy.

We confess we face the future with uncertainty and misgivings. Help us put our trust in you so we may live faithful and obedient lives, as we depend on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our own sins in the silence of our hearts)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #2016 "Glorify Thy Name"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION #25 "Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 9:11-28

SERMON "The Incarnation and the High Priest"
Rev. Paul Masters

*SONG OF REFLECTION "You Are My All In All"

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

Helpful Notes

- 1) We say "debts" and "debtors" in the Lord's Prayer
- 2) Asterisks (*) = Please stand as you are able
- 3) Offering – Our offering basket can be found in the entrance to the sanctuary or you can give electronically using the QR code found in the 'Stewardship News' section of this bulletin

Prayers for December 28th – December 6th

Members of the Congregation:

Carter Ferry, Josh Mason at the passing of his grandma Donna Michalski,
Joe & Linda Ruge at the birth of their new granddaughter Lawson Laine Ruge-Schaper

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Edmilson Alves (Gabriel's Uncle),
Joan Meyer,
Alan Scott,
Linda Cline &
The Iowa National Guard 34th Battalion

Prayer Families:

Dan & Mary Lage
Jenice Laurent
Starla & Shawn Lawler (Ashley)
Matt & Kimberly Leeds

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

The Synod of Lakes of Prairies Staff &
First Congregational United Church of Christ

Stewardship News

Attendance on December 14th was 154 (115, 19 FB, 20 YT). The offering on 12/14/25 was \$8,290.00. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 12/14/25 are \$470,420.47. The amount needed through 12/14/25 is \$546,488.00.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Joelyn Johnson-Duffy & Tim Duffy

Bus Driver: Don Miller

Elder: Brian Pederson

Harry's Pantry

If you would like to donate to our little pantry at the Shalom Center, non-perishable or personal hygiene donations can be donated at the pantry or put in the shopping cart in the Narthex. For monetary donations, please write 'Harry's Pantry' in the memo line of your check, or you can donate on SecureGive by clicking on the 'Harry's Pantry' line.

Children's Church

We won't have Children's church today.

Mitten and Sock Tree

The Deacons are collecting child-sized gloves, mittens, and socks for local elementary students. There is a container under the tv in the Commons entrance for donations. Please donate by Jan. 4th. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please talk to Amy in the office. The church office will be closed on November 27th and November 28th.

2025 Contributions

Contributions must be received in the office by 11 am Wednesday, December 31st to count for fiscal year 2025. Anything received after 11 am (regardless if postmarked by date) will count for fiscal year 2026.

BINGO!

Join Karen Amman for BINGO in the commons the first Wednesday of each month. The next one will be December 3rd. BINGO will begin at 3:30 pm and go until 5:00 pm so you can enjoy the all-ages dinner. There is a tote for BINGO prize donations outside the office.



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Glorify Thy Name



1. Fa - ther,
2. Je - sus,
3. Spir - it, } we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. _____



Glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth. _____

Away in a Manger

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MUELLER 11.11.11.11

Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book*
for Schools and Families, c. 1885
Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892

Attr. James R. Murray, 1887
Harm. John Weaver, 1986



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.



You Are My All In All

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

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Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

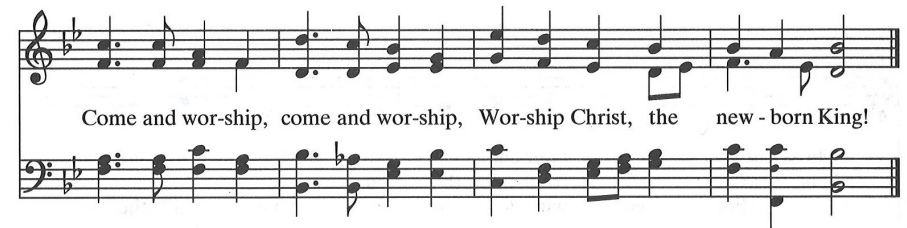
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon-der shines the in - fant light:
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
Ev - er-more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new - born King!