

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: O Come, All Ye Faithful Rita Pittman
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: We gather today. It is time to worship.

People: We listen for God. It is time to hear.

Pastor: We receive God's grace. It is time to be loved.

People: We leave in peace. It is time to serve others!

Pastor: As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emanuel, God-with-us, is already here.

People: Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

* Hymn # 159. "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

* Invocation

Offering It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson. Psalm 126 Sara Forsman

Special Music: Love Was When Choir

Today's Message: "Dreamlike Time" Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 171. "What Child is This, Who Laid to Rest"

Prayers of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn #167. "The First Noel" Verses 1-4

*** Benediction**

Postlude: The First Noel Rita Pittman

CHURCH LIFE

ALTAR FLOWERS The altar flowers today are given in celebration of Dallas and Liz Jensen's 49th wedding anniversary on Dec. 21st.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home! Speak to Pastor Jon following worship for more information.

Our series, **Out of Time**, invites our reflection on how people experience time and on how God uses our experience to meet us, challenge us, bless us, shape us, and call us into holy endings and new beginnings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER 24 We will share our typical morning worship at 10:00 AM and then return for our 6:00 Christmas Eve worship.

ENVELOPS NOTICE: A Sign up sheet is on the back table for anyone who needs offering envelopes next year. Please do not use left over envelopes from this year. Thank you, Nancy Van Ess.

BRUNCH WITH OUR MISSIONARY: January 14, 2024 We are planning that our missionary Erika Clauson will be our guest. We'll hold this event at Venezia after Church. We will have the sign-up sheet available on the back table. Thanks, Linda Rafferty.

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Black 12/17, Linda Rafferty 12 21

ANNIVERSARY

Dallas & Liz Jensen 12/21

* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

Scripture Reading
Psalm 126 (New Living Translation)

When the LORD brought back his exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a dream! We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, "What amazing things the LORD has done for them." Yes, the LORD has done amazing things for us! What joy! Restore our fortunes, LORD, as streams renew the desert. Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

POINTSETTIAS FOR OUR ALTAR....DEC. 24TH We would like to decorate our altar area with red, white, and pink Poinsettias on Sunday, Dec. 24. That Day, there will be 2 services, our usual at 10 a.m. and our special Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. If you would like to donate a Poinsettia to use that Day, please bring it with you when you come. We'd love all sizes and would like to mix and match different colors. If you would like your plant to go home with you, pls. tape or write your name under it. All plants left after the evening service will remain to help decorate the room for the Park's Christmas dinner the next day. If you have questions about all this, please call Nan 941- 445-3769 or see her at Church service.

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Linda Cross & Carloyn Capozzi

Attendance Last Week: 56

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