

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

*For **December** the McCook Food Pantry focus is; Sugar, Flour, Taco seasoning in packets. Please have all items to the church by the end of the month. Thank you!

***SHINE** would appreciate any donations of **Hamburger or Ham!** Please let **Cathee** know if you have some for donation.

*Sign up for Church Camp! Camp Judson is usually full by January so if you are interested please get your kids signed up! Any questions please talk to Brad or Susie Schroeder! Remember the church will pay 60% per kid for one camp, you just need to let Karyn in the office know:)

*If you would be willing to volunteer to help our church staff with tech issues, please read on!!! You would serve as a person to offer your expertise to troubleshoot when a problem arises with the office or sanctuary computers on an "as needed" basis. Please talk to Pastor Jerry or Cody Church for more details if you would be willing to help.
Thanks, Carol Woltzen PPR Chair

*A four-week adult Sunday school class begins today after worship in the classroom off of the fellowship hall. We will be using PCUSA curriculum called *Do Not Fear*.

*Two Christmas Eve services will be held on Sunday, December 24 – 9:30 am and 5:00 p.m.



**Experience and Share Life In Christ By:
Experiencing God's Love and Grace in Worship,
Experiencing God through Christian Fellowship,
Sharing Christ's Love through Ministry to Others,
Sharing the Hope and Promise of Jesus,
Experiencing and Sharing Christ's Principles for Life.**

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**December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent**

Advent 2023

Daily Mass Readings
and Reflections for
the Sacred Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Keep Watch Always be on the lookout for the coming of Christ into your life. He enters in his time. <i>Mark 13:33-37</i>	4 Pray for Peace Let us rejoice and walk in the light of the Lord, praying for peace within God's house and his holy city. <i>Psalms 122:1-9</i>	5 A Little Child Enemies become friends when a little child of God enters the picture. Let him lead. <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	6 Fed with More Jesus makes a lot from a little and gives us more than enough of what we need. <i>Matthew 15:29-37</i>	7 Strong and Firm Our God is like a wall that surrounds us with strength and protection, keeping our faith firm. <i>Isaiah 26:1-6</i>	8 Servant Hearts With a servant heart, Mary accepted the role of the mother of our Lord. Our hearts serve him still. <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	9 Sent Out We are sent by our Savior to declare that the Kingdom of God is near. Be ready to share. <i>Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8</i>
10 Repent A voice in the wilderness beckons us to repent and be prepared for the Mighty One. <i>Mark 1:1-8</i>	11 Replenished Like waters that refresh the dry ground, our Lord renews the barren wastelands ravaged by sin. <i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	12 Favor with God God's favor rests on Mary. Let us invite her to pray with us this Advent as we welcome Jesus. <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	13 Take Notice Know, hear and see. The Lord is wise. The Lord is powerful. The Lord is glorious. <i>Isaiah 40:25-31</i>	14 A Prophet Comes John the Baptist paves the way for Jesus to arrive and settle within each one of us. <i>Matthew 11:11-15</i>	15 Look Up We are often quick to judge and discredit. But we should always honor the people of God. <i>Matthew 11:16-19</i>	16 Recognize Recognize the presence of those who point to Jesus when others may not be paying attention. <i>Matthew 17:9-13</i>
17 Rejoice Celebrate the blessing, the mercy, the might of our God, who has brought joy to the world. <i>Luke 1:46-50, 53-54</i>	18 Jesus' Name We live, work and sleep in the name of Jesus, who saves us from our sins. <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	19 Silenced The angel Gabriel silenced the voice of doubting Zechariah. May all our doubts be silenced. <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	20 A Promise Our God has kept his promise to send us his Son, Emmanuel, who is God-with-us. <i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i>	21 Greetings Greet one another with the joy of Mary and Elizabeth, full of expectant hope in God's plan. <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>	22 Goodness Offer the Lord heartfelt thanksgiving for his goodness to you in Jesus' birth. <i>Luke 1:46-56</i>	23 Blessings We offer thanks for the blessing of every child's birth, especially the Son of God and his messenger. <i>Luke 1:57-66</i>
24 Revelations The mystery of almighty God is revealed in the kicking feet and outstretched arms of a baby. <i>Romans 16:25-27</i>	25 Good News The good news is heard by the shepherds, sung by the angels and seen by Mary and Joseph: a child is born. <i>Luke 2:1-14</i>	Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – Phillipians 2:11				

Order of Worship

Ashley Tieszen, Organist

Gathering for Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Opening Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #188

*Mission & Vision Statement

*Opening Prayer & Greeting

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading Luke 5:12-26 NT pg 835

Choir Anthem

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #186

Sermon "Soul Healing"

Communion Song "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #187

The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song "Wondrous Love" #250

Benediction

Postlude

December 3, 2023

Please pray for these joys and concerns this week:

*Prayer/Praise Request

*Paula Cooper (Nina Lambertz's sister) is having health issues.

Ongoing health concerns: Sherry (Jerman) McKay, Donna Diede, Alexa and Rylie Rothenberger, Sally Ortman, Margie Stevens, Susan Anderson, Judy Scott, Barb Falk, Rev Dick Rinearson, Dakota Marcucci, Casey Baldwin, Ken Scott, David McGirr, and Craig Shanks

Weekly Schedule & Activities:

Sunday: 12/3

8:15 am Choir Practice

9:30 am Worship

Monday: 12/4

9:00 am Prayers and Squares

Wednesday: 12/6

5:00 pm Youth Bells

5:30 pm Jr High

6:00pm Dinner

6:30 pm Quartet Bells

6:30 pm SHINE

7:00 pm Sr. High

7:45 pm Adult Bell

Friday: 12/8

6:00 am Men's Breakfast

Usher and Nursery Schedule

Dec. 3rd —Cody Church Family

Nursery Worker is Katelyn Engbarth

Dec. 10th —Schroeder Family

Nursery Worker is Richardson's

Dec. 17th —Dawsons

Nursery Worker is Olsen Family

Dec. 24th —Lindbloom's

Nursery Worker is _____

Dec. 24th evening — Popkes Boys

Dec. 31st —Margaret and Michael

Nursery Worker is Renae Lindbloom