

Christmas Eve ~ “The Inn ~ Housing the Holy”

Prelude “Christmas Melodies” Jessica Just

Virtual Choir ~ “Let Heaven & Nature Sing...A Sacred Caroling Medley

We Open the Door

***Hymn # 41 “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

Leader:

Tonight we offer the Lights of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to illumine the Door of Welcome. And we add the brightest light of all... the Light of the Newborn Jesus. It shines bright like the star that rose over Bethlehem.

Solo ~ “O Holy Night” Eileen Edland

People:

May this light also shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church. May this light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality. There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

Hymn # 38 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Children’s Time

Hymn # 40 “Joy to the World”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Ray Wertz

Anthem Virtual Choir “Carol of Hope”

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 1-7 Deanna Reikow

*Duet ~ Mary’s Little Boy Child
Eileen & Sophia Edland*

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 8-21 Ross Mushik

Solo “Birthday of a King” Kim Shaw

Sermon

Hymn # 53 “What Child is This?”

A Story of Innkeeping: Offering

Solo “Do You See What I See?” Suzy Pfliiger

Leader:

Love comes to us at Christmas, Love comes to heal our souls.

People:

Love brings an invitation that our hearts might be made whole. As we gather at the stable in the darkness, glad and grateful for the sacred in our midst, let us welcome at Christ’s table those present and who are missed. Thank you God for wonder and delight, for making all things right but mostly that Christ is born in us this night.

Hymn # 66 “We Three Kings” vs. 1

THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus, lay down his sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay*

(still singing Suzy will lead & congregation will respond)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

How good it is to give thanks and praise!

Pastoral Prayer Continues...

[Suzy sings to the tune of Hark the Herald Angels Sing]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might adored,
heaven and earth are shining bright
with the glory of your light.
Loud hosannas now we sing!
In the highest may they ring!
Blessed is the coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blessed!*

Congregation

***Hark the herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic host proclaim. Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Benediction

May God's Door of Welcome
swing open in your heart and in your life.

**May Christ's humble first dwelling
remind you of the plenty you already know.**

And may the Spirit lead you into
more possibility and hospitality than you can imagine,
making room in The Inn for all.

May it be so for you.

May it be so for us.

May it be so for this church.

Go in peace. Merry Christmas. Amen.

Hymn # 60 "Silent Night"

***"When Jesus Was a Tiny Baby with One Small Child" Pamela
Marks/David Meece arranged by Bernadine W Johnson***

We welcome our Visitors! We hope you will continue to worship with us and we Wish You all a Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Events and Notices

Jan. 3 – Session Meets – 7:00 PM

Jan. 9, 2022 – **Church Decor Take Down Project.** Start at 10:00 am. Please come and help us take down our beautiful Christmas décor. We'll put it away and clean up. Your help is SO appreciated!

Jan. 16th – **The Presbyterian Women** are planning a Soup & Sandwich Extavaganza for us after the service. Plan to attend and bring your friends and family, too! Free Will Offering will be taken, but not necessary for this event to warm our bellies and souls!

The Presbyterian Women have been awarded a Grant again this year for their “Blessing Bags” given to the homeless and people in need also working with the Mandan Police Department. If you would like to contribute to this project or help with putting it all together, please contact Patty. Thanks PW for your mission in our community!

***Looking for music every Sunday.** If you'd like sing or someone you know would like to, please call the office and let Suzy know. Instruments welcomed!

Poinsettia's In Memory of:

Bob Reikow and Karl Reikow by Deanna, Mavis, Blake and Marshall Reikow

Leroy Peterson and Ardys Morris by Sandra Perterson, Deanna Reikow, Carolyn Munns and Dave Peterson

Rev. Larry and Arline Meyers, Jo Nagel, Rose Opp, Ray Opp and Doris Pflüger by David, Roxi and Destiny Pflüger

Clifford & Loretta Fisher, Kathryn Netzer, Vivian & Wesley Fisher, and Jace by Ruthie & Darby Fisher

Evelyn, Harold and Terry Robinson by Patty Robinson

Vivian and Joe Schaaf, Gretchen Schaaf, Peggy Reichmuth-Schaaf, Jane Schaaf, Bea and Bob Reichmuth, Joe and Cam Connery, and Mark Connery by the David Schaaf family.

Douglas Pflüger, Karen Meyers, Robert Meyers & David E Porter by Suzy Pflüger.

HONORARIUMS

Honorarium given for the Birth of: **Raleigh Rein Pflüger Heskett-** by Suzy Pflüger.

Honorarium given in Memory of: **The Schmid, Meyers and Pflüger Families** who blessed our lives and now are gone.

Honorarium given in Memory of: **Barney Toman** by Jerry & Marie Toman and family.

Honorarium given in Thanksgiving and Praise by **Marsha Bullis.**

Honorarium given in Joy and Thankfulness by **Bernard & Linda Boit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special People of the Week: Connie and Glen Schwinkendorf. It's Glen's Birthday. It's Zech Sherman's too!

Greeter: Ray Wertz

December Birthdays:

24 - Zech Sherman

25 - Glenn Schwinkendorf, Pam Engelhardt

27 - Zach Kelsch

29 - Nikki Davy

30 - Cassandra Weidman, Jared Fisher

FINANCIALLY:

Needed weekly: (Gen Fund) \$2,600.00

Our Church has a short fall of \$30,000 for the year.

PRAYER LIST: Karen Fredrickson, Rowan Rosendahl, AJ Stewart, Raleigh Pflüger-Heskett, Nick Dove, Mark Dove, Darla Keigley, Dean Shaw, Mark Carney, Virginia Illich, Miriam Meyers, Sam DeHaven, and Sarah McDowell, Hall Family, Linda Ellis Blank, Virginia and Dale Monson.

MILITARY LIST: Ben Broberg, David Beylund, Steph Kuehn, Alex Dove, and Brad Gardner.

NURSING/RETIREMENT HOMES: David Gray, Don Morris, Carole Klebe and Irene Springan, Mrs. Bennett

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