



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024 at 11:00 am

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Worship each Sunday is broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM and live-streamed on our Facebook Page www.dmpc.org

WELCOME AS WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to DMPC for worship this morning. If you are visiting with us we ask you to complete a Visitor Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the collection plate during the Presentation of Offerings. Our church is accessible to wheelchairs with a designated area to the left of the chancel in the "Amen Section".

We thank Jan Burr and Greg Jones for being greeters this morning. We thank Donna Bell for being our liturgist this morning.

INTROIT: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.

It came, a floweret right, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;

with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,

He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.

Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN #85 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (third verse only)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Trust and do not be afraid.

^{*}indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now, we turn to the one who is both judge and savior, trusting that repentance opens the door to new life, and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us. Let us confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

In your presence, Holy God,

We confess that we need repentance.

We have broken your commands against idolatry.

We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.

We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news, and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, we are forgiven. The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.

Do not worry.

Live in peace.

*CHORAL RESPONSE Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

The Hebrew Bible I

Isaiah 12:2-6

New Testament Philippians 4:4-7

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

"Why Are We Anxious?"

Dr. Tanner Capps

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*HYMN #347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love Came Down at Christmas by John Rutter, 1971 Oxford University Press, used with permission CCLI #11624388

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, love divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine; Love to God and all men, Love for plea, and gift and sign.

Estrid Garver-Daniels, Olivia Perske, Julianna Stark, soprano

Tyler Perske: bass

Cassie Norwood, Gloria Mullennex: alto

Logan Mullennex, Ben Long: tenor

*DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE HYMN #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1-4 only)

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*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Christmas Eve The Christmas Eve Service at Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church begins at 5:00 p.m.

FAITH COMMUNITY NOTES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN HAVE A PLACE IN THE CHOIR"! Rehearsal will be in the upstairs Sunday School room at 9:45am on December 1st, 8th, and 15th.

The Children's Choir will perform during our morning service on December 22nd.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

There are Christmas boxes in the White Chapel and the back of the sanctuary in which to place your food donations. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

MITTEN TREE

The tree is waiting in the White Chapel for your donations of gloves, hats, scarves, and socks. Monetary contributions will also be accepted.

"I was shivering and you gave me clothes." Matt. 25:34-36 MSG

POINSETTIAS

The PWs will decorate the sanctuary with red poinsettias for Christmas. You will find a form on the table in the White Chapel. Please return the form and payment to the Church Office by December 15th.

Our live stream for Sunday Morning Worship is on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/dmpcElkins.

The weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter are also available on our website: www.dmpc.org

OFFERINGS: You are invited to place your offering in the collection plate during the Presentation of Offerings, donate through the website by activating the "Online Giving" box, or by mailing it to the church office.

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THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Tessa Garver-Daniels

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Mina Cupp

Debra Everhart
David Messinger

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 15, 2024

SUNDAY

9:45am Dr. Lacy Class

9:45am Sunday School for Elementary Children

11:00am Worship Service

9:30am-10:45am Common Door spa

BREAKFAST AND BIBLES

Dec. 15 Christmas Special

Common Door space in Tip Top Coffee Shop

breakfastandbibles.weebly.com

MONDAY

TUESDAY PRAYER LIST

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY Chuck Leary, Jessie Somers

6:00pm Piano Recital/Sanctuary Mountain Memories 301 Wilson Ln, Elkins

Adrienne Vance, Julia Varner

FRIDAY Valentine Personal Care 521 Davis Ave, Elkins

Anna Harper

ERCC

SATURDAY

SUNDAY CHILDREN' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

9:45am Dr. Lacy Class in Dunham Room

9:45am Sunday School for Elementary children

11:00am Worship Service

PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

† Joyce Allen

† Howard Bell

† Donnie Corbin

† Lizzy, Brian & Molly McCrae.....

Members of Debra Everhart's family

1175 Beverly Pike, Elkins

† Nancy Forinash

† Nicholas Hartley

† Bob Hermanson

† Vickie Hinzman

† Dick & Gayle Moore

† Chuck Leary and Debora Springer

† Chrissy Starcher & her family

† Ruth Whitesel

† Keitha Wing

† Family of Dana Marzolf

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARTNERS AND THE WORLD

- † Health care workers and first responders
- † 226th General Assembly co-moderators, Rev. Cecelia Armstrong and Rev. Anthony Larson
- † D&E College students, faculty and staff
- † Our sister church in Kenya, Kangaita
- † Our nation's leaders
- † Mission Co-Workers around the world
- † Presbyterian University of East Africa as they seek financial stability
- † Philip Nganatha Memorial, Wandumbi Parish, Kenya

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

- † First Presbyterian Church, Whitesville
- † Highlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans