

Thank You for Writing!

A sincere thank you to all who wrote a devotional for this year's 2024 Advent Devotional booklet, and thank you to all who have told us how much you enjoyed reading these special messages. This year's booklet contains devotionals from several new authors and one who worships on-line.

Special thanks to Sandee, our administrative assistant, for putting the booklet together with appropriate clip art, editing, printing, and helping with the mailing. It is not an easy task!

Next year marks the 10th anniversary of this annual project, so please be thinking ahead as what you will write for your contribution. All entries welcome!

Blessings to all, Marie Nordberg and Joy Derr



Birthdays this week

Marshall Howe 2

Anniversaries this week

Ron & Margi Taggart 3

Mark your calendars!

Tues	Dec 3	Quilters Hop to Perham	
Tues	Dec 3	SPRC meeting	3:00 pm
Wed	Dec 4	UWF meeting	1:00 pm
Wed	Dec 4	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Tues	Dec 10	Christmas Cards for Jail Ministry due today	
Tues	Dec 10	Men's Breakfast at Great Northern	8:00 am
Tues	Dec 10	Quilters	9:30 - 3:00
Wed	Dec 11	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sat	Dec 14	Caroling at Crystal Brook	10:00 - 11:00 am

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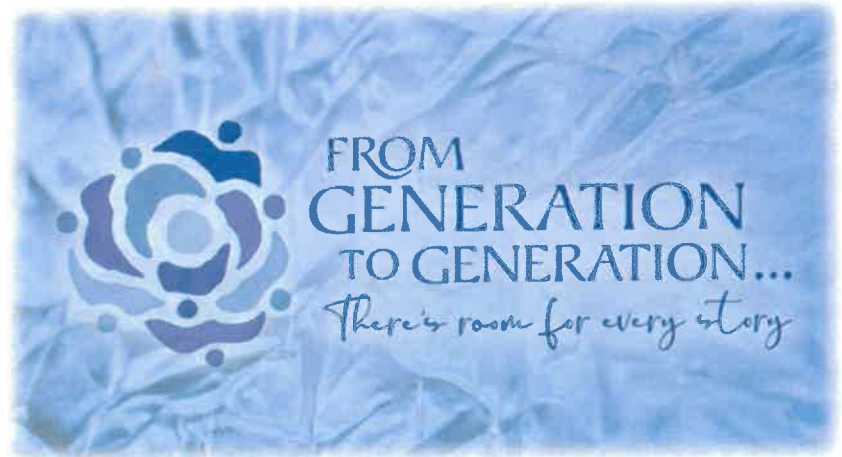
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faith grows, and mission leads.*

December 1, 2024 9:00 am



WELCOME

Welcome to our worship celebration!

We are glad that you have chosen to be with us. We pray that you have encountered the presence of Jesus Christ and have been inspired and encouraged by our time together.

If you are visiting with us and looking for a spiritual home, we hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.

Worship Guide

Pastor: Lauren Hauger
Piano: Terry Greenawalt
Music Director: Jennie Anderson

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

*HYMN "Surely the Presence of the Lord"
#328 IN THE RED HYMNAL

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
#211 vv. 1,4,5,7 IN THE RED HYMNAL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH
ARNIE AND SUE KUHN

HYMN "Advent Song"
#2090 VS 1 IN THE BLACK HYMNAL

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: God of the ages, in scripture we hear stories of people like us— ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow— old, young, native, immigrant, new to the faith, lifelong believer. In scripture we hear stories of people like us, so just as you walked with them, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. We are grateful. We are yours. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM "The Yearning"
MUSIC BY CRAIG COURTNEY; WORDS BY SUSAN BENTALL BOERSMA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Reader: Mary Takle

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 1:1-17 (NRSVUE)
Reader: Mary Takle

MESSAGE: "THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERY STORY"
Pastor Lauren

HYMN OF RESPONSE "God of Every Generation"
TO THE TUNE OF #196 "COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"
SEE INSERT

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT (SEE INSERT)
* INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION
* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 TRESPASSES,
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN**

* RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

*CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
#206 vv 1,3 IN THE RED HYMNAL

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
TO THE TUNE OF #219 "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"
SEE INSERT

POSTLUDE

Communion Liturgy for Advent

Invitation and Prayer of Confession

One: In this season of expectant waiting, we are invited to Christ's Communion table. ... Will you pray with me?

All: Holy God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We go about our lives as if Christmas is an event to be celebrated, but not lived. We hear the good news, but do not heed it. We turn away the holy family for there is no room in our hearts. We hear the cry of the expectant mother, desperate for care and a place to lie, but listen instead to the carols. We see the lowly children, born in manglers among the filth of the world, but we look instead to the decorations. We hear the call of the Angels to come and worship the newborn King, but we bow down to the idols of our culture.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience. Remove the barriers that we construct and empower us to be a people doing the real, gritty, holy, graceful, loving work of Christmas every day. In the name of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Pause for Silent Prayer of Confession

One: Out of the wilderness a voice calls out... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

All: Joy to the World. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: How good it is to give thanks and praise.

One: It is good to give our thanks and praise... By simply speaking, you set the cosmos into motion and created all things from the dust of stars.

All: Blessed are you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth.

One: God of many blessings, ... so that all of the nations of the world could be blessed.

All: Blessed are you, God of Abraham and Sarah.

One: God of salvation, ... When the people were no longer grateful people, you gave them the Law.

All: Blessed are you, God of our salvation.

One: When the people asked for a King,...When the people fell into exile, the prophets spoke words of hope and restoration when all around them, there was nothing but despair.

All: A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God!"

One: You promised the coming of an anointed one, ... when "swords would be beaten into plows, and spears into pruning hooks."

All: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.”

One: John the Baptist came, ... And so, now we come, ... We deck our halls with joy, but it is our hearts that truly matter.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord in our world. Prepare the way of the Lord in our communities. Prepare the way of the Lord in our churches. Prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts.

One: And so, in hopeful anticipation, ... We join in praise and come together to sing unending hymn of the saints of glory.

All: *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 they may ring. Blessed is the coming one. Christ Emmanuel your son. Glory in the highest. Holy God, your name is blessed.*

One: Holy are you, and holy is your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh.

All: Holy are you, and Holy is your Son Jesus Christ.

One: Who is the one to whom John pointed in the wilderness.

All: Holy are you, and Holy is your Son Jesus Christ.

One: Who was born to us in a manger, for there was no room in the inn.

All: Holy are you, and Holy is your Son Jesus Christ.

One: Who came to show us the way to your love... and called out the religious leaders blinded by the letter of the Law.

All: Holy are you, and Holy is your Son Jesus Christ.

One: Who was betrayed by those who loved him, ... Who was crucified by those who thought that his death would be the end of him.

All: Holy are you, and Holy is your Son Jesus Christ.

One: Who, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

And when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: “Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.