



"BLESSED

is she who has

BELIEVED

that the Lord
would fulfill his

PROMISES

to her!"

LUKE 1:45, NIV



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

9:30 AM Worship

3 Advent – December 11, 2022

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Lighting of Third Candle on Advent Wreath

P: John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask of Jesus, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" John was unjustly imprisoned, and in the midst of his despair, Jesus reassures John that He truly is the One who is to come.

C: Lord, as we light this advent candle, calm our fears and reassure us with your presence. We come to you this morning in despair, imprisoned in our own guilt, blinded by our own pride and foolishness. Give us cause to rejoice. Jesus, comfort us with your words to John: "The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the Good News is preached to the poor." Amen.

Song "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

GHF 84

Special Music "O Holy Night"

Adam Henning

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare for Christ's coming by turning from our sin, and seeking God's tender mercy and compassion.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P & C: Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us. Amen.

P: In the advent of Christ the dawn from on high breaks upon us with light and healing. Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor upon us, and forgives us all our sins.

C: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 7:14

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Philippians 4:4-9

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Children's Sermon

Song "**Joy to the World**"

LBW 39

Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-56

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Sermon "**Leaping for Joy**"

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song "**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**"

LBW 44

Apostles Creed

Offering**

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "**Angels We Have Heard on High**"

LBW 71

Benediction

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning for worship our God together! **Today we will continue with our Advent sermon series.** We will be having **fellowship time** following worship! Please join us for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall.

***The offering plate will be in the narthex so please place your donations in as you enter or exit. To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website www.tlcplattedsd.org. Click on "GIVING" on our homepage and you will be directed to our online giving platform Breeze. It is a convenient, safe and simple way for our members or visitors to make automated payments through bank ACH directly or credit/debit cards. Text-to-give (605) 741-4118.*

Dec 4 General Offering: \$2809.00 **Attendance:** 145

Ushers Dec 11: Kevin Nelson & Chris Nelson

Dec 18: Confirmation Students

Dec 25: Jay VanDerWerff & Monte Wagner

Musician: Donna Nelson

Coffee/Cookie Servers

Dec 11: Joyce VanderHam, Deb VanDerWerff, Kristi Wagner

Dec 18: High School Sunday School serving

Dec 25: No Cookies (Christmas Day)

Thank you to Adam Henning for providing special music for us today!

Thank you for helping give joy to a prisoner's kid this Christmas. It starts with a GIFT and leads to lives transformed through JESUS CHRIST.

Return wrapped presents to the library by **Tuesday, December 13th** so we can get them mailed to the children by Christmas. If you would like to donate towards the cost of postage, **the December mission fund offering will be designated towards this project.** It will be taken today or give to one of the Angel Tree Committee members:

Vickie Boltjes, Wendy Wollman or Marla Tegethoff

You are invited to a **Christmas Open House at our home TODAY from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.** We will have cookies and Christmas goodies to sample along with coffee and mulled cider. We welcome the chance to let you tour the parsonage and see how we have it decorated for Christmas.
Love, Pastor Dave & Peggy

This Monday, December 12th at 2 pm, we will hold an Advent worship service at the Twilight Vista. The services will consist of singing lots of Christmas carols, three scripture readings, a ten-minute message, more carols, and Holy Communion. After the service, we will fellowship with residents over coffee and treats provided by the respective facilities.
Hope you can join us!

Join for prayer group on **Tuesdays at 9:30 AM** in the North Overflow.

The flower committee requests donations of **poinsettias to decorate** our sanctuary for the Advent season.

Martha Bible Study Group meets Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm
Lesson 4 "God is With You in the Dark"

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Wednesday, December 14 at 7 pm
Lessons 11 & 12 Leader: Shirley Johnson, Hostess: Deb V & Donna B

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 pm
Lessons 11 & 12 Leader: Karen Dimick, Hostess: Caroline Butler

Men, **please join us Saturday, December 17 at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our **weekly Men's Breakfast**. After eating, we will adjourn to the Fireside Room, where we will watch a video from the Authentic Manhood 33 Series. Following the video, we will break into small groups, discuss the video, and pray with and for one another.

Harold Pavlis is turning 100 on December 13! **Stop in at 44 Pizza Plus on Saturday, December 17 from Noon to 2 pm** to say Happy Birthday and have another piece of birthday cake. No gifts please.

If you can't make it and would like to send a card, please send to:
Harold Pavlis, 37514 281 Street, Geddes, SD, 57342

Sunday School Christmas Program will be held next Sunday, December 18 during the morning Worship Service. We will be practicing today during Sunday School time at 10:45 am. If necessary, we may also practice again the Wednesday or Saturday right before the 18th. ***We will have our regular fellowship time following the program this year and each Sunday School family is asked to bring one dozen goodies to share.*** Please bring to the church by 9 AM on Sunday, December 18. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the BOE members. Thank you. - Alisha, Sarah & Carla

We are updating our church directory. Captured by Tammie (Tammie Olson) will be taking photos for the directory on **Sunday, Dec 18 @ 9am before and after worship service and on Tuesday, Dec 20 @ 4-7 pm (note time change)** in the Fireside Fellowship room. No appointment time is needed; it will be on a first come first serve basis. Tammie will take the photo for directory at no charge. You may purchase rights to photos from her. Digital and print packages will be available. Online ordering or by a print packet. If you recently had family photos done with Tammie, you may submit those to be used in directory rather than taking another. Email photos to the church office: tlcplattsd@gmail.com. Looking forward to completing this project with your help.

Christmas Eve worship services:

December 24 at 3 PM: will feature piano-accompanied worship, with candlelight for the closing two songs and communion.

December 24 at 10:00 PM: will feature worship led by the Praise Team, with candlelight for the closing two songs and communion.

Christmas Day worship service

December 25 at 9:30 AM: gather on Christmas morning for worship. No Communion this service.

Looking for something for your kids to do during Christmas Break? New Hope Camp is offering a Day Camp Dec 26-30 from 9am-3:30pm There will be bible lessons, games, skits, crafts, food and music. Cost is \$80.

To register go to New Hope's Facebook page and follow link or follow QR code on flyer. We only have room for 30 kids. We are also looking for 3 more Jr/Sr high kids to help during the week. If interested, Contact Joel @ 469-0217 or pastorjoeldavis@yahoo.com for more info.



Shirley Johnson and Gloria Kok are collecting items for the needy. Please sort, bag and mark your donations for men, women, children, shoes, quilts, etc. **Call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388) and they will arrange to pick up or delivery to their garage.** The various place that will be delivered to are the Abbot House, St. Francis House, Glory House, Kingdom Boundaries and Union Gospel Mission. **There is a need for men's clothing and winter gear (boots, gloves, hats) sizes XL to 3 XL.** PLEASE ONLY WINTER SEASON clothing; the various missions don't have room to store other seasons. Thank you!

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Mary Lee Erickson, Mike Erickson, Laura Johnson, LaDene Nelson

Please pray for:

- The Christmas Program and practices to go well without any problems.
- The Christmas Eve services both go well. Pray both services would be well attended and pray all who come would grow to know and love and trust Jesus.
- People to be excited about the new directory and get their pictures taken quickly.
- For our community – the Body of Christ, Schools, Faculty and Students
- For the well-being of farmers, ranchers and local businesses.
- The family & friends of Kathy Lubinus as they mourn her passing on Nov. 22nd. Please pray especially for her children, Stephanie, Brent, Melanie, & Valerie, as well as for their spouses, children, & grandchildren that they would know the Lord's comfort, presence, love, peace, & strength as they grieve. Pray for Melanie and her son to find safe, affordable travel home from Costa Rica, & for the family to feel the Lord's guidance as they plan Kathy's service here on December 19th at 10:30 am.
- Please pray Jill DeWet's continued healing, strength, & well-being. Please continue to pray for Jacque's mother, Renee, as she seeks permission from the U.S. Consulate in South Africa to come to the U.S. to visit Jacques, Jill, & Maverick.