

Preparing for the Coming  
of the King



The  
Birthplace  
of the  
**KING**



...and He shall be their peace.  
Micah 5:5



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave  
**Pastor Dave Martin**  
3 Advent – December 15, 2024  
9:30 AM Worship

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## God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Sunday School Christmas Program **“The Three Wisemen”**

Song **“What Child is This?”** **LBW 40**

Song **“Away in a Manger”** **LBW 67**

Song **Silent Night”** *with candlelight* **LBW 65**

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.**

*Scott & Heidi Dingus family*

Confession & Forgiveness

**P:** We know that Christ has come, but we also know that he will come again.

**C:** **We know that his first advent brought great joy to the world: we also know that his return will bring peace to all those who live in a world of chaos.**

**P:** Let us live in readiness for his return, since we do not know when it will be. **C:** **May our lives witness to hearts which are open and ready for him at any time.**

**P & C: Almighty God, who prepared the hearts and minds of those of long ago for the coming of your Son: Prepare our hearts and minds during this Advent season so that the spirit of Christ might dwell within us anew, and might ever reign within us as the God of love, as in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## *God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word*

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 2:3-6

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Acts 4:8-12

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Sermon Text: Micah 5:1-5a

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Sermon **"The Birthplace of the King"**

## *Give Thanks to God*

Song **"A Hallelujah Christmas"**

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

## *God Calls us to Serve*

Song **"Manger Throne"**

Benediction

*Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve*

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We continue our Advent series **"Preparing for the Coming of the King."** Please join us following the service with coffee and goodies that the families of the Sunday School students provided in the fellowship hall.

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**Dec 8 General Offering:** \$5746.85 **Attendance:** 156  
Mission Fund Offering - Angel Tree Postage: \$252.50  
Mission Fund Offering – Victor & Lori Selemani: \$752.50

**Greeters** Dec 15—Bill & Carey Hoffman  
Dec 22—Darrel & Valerie Hildebrand  
Dec 29—Donna Hanten & Pearl Feiok

**Ushers** Dec 15 & 22—Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain  
Dec 29—Frank Cutler & Lee Hanten

**Available for Prayer** Kyle Meyerink & Shirley Johnson

**Coffee Cookie Servers**

Dec 15—Cookies provided by SS families for program  
Dec 22—Stacy Severson, Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy  
Dec 29—Shawna Strand, Meredith Suits, Sheila Summerville

Today our Sunday School will be presenting their Christmas Program "**The Three Wisemen**". Thank you for joining us! We invite you to share in fellowship following worship today with goodies that the Sunday School families brought.

**Confirmation class** will meet today for class. **No Sunday School today. No Sunday School or Confirmation** on Sundays, December 22 & 29 for Christmas break. We will resume on January 5.

Join us Monday, December 16 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room, for the **Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew**. Each week, we'll watch a chapter of Matthew from *The Visual Bible*, then read it aloud and discuss it. To avoid conflict with the quilting group, we won't meet on the first Monday of the month. We realize that no one can make it to every meeting but come join us when you can. You might just discover a new love for the Bible, you didn't know you had.

**Church Council meeting** is Monday, December 16 at 7 PM.

**Advent Bible Study** *Recapturing the Wonder of Jesus Living with Us* "The Marvel and Miracle of Advent" is hosted by the Martha Group. **We will be meeting on Monday, Dec 16 at 6:30 PM in the fireside fellowship.**

Please join us once again for **Advent Worship services** at Twilight Vista on Monday, December 16 at 2:15 PM. Each service will begin with a prayer, the singing of several Christmas carols, followed by the reading of three scriptures, a ten-minute (or less) message, and Holy Communion. Following each service, we will fellowship with residents over coffee and cookies. (If you love to bake, maybe that's one way you can bless some of our shut-ins this Advent season.) Next week we will be at Platte Care Center.

**Priscilla Bible Study Group** meets Thursday, December 19 at 9:00 AM Studying Lesson 12, Lesson Leader: Shirley Johnson  
Hostess: Deb VanDerWerff

**Hannah Bible Study Group** meets Thursday, December 19 at 1:30 PM Studying Lesson 12, Lesson Leader & Hostess: TDB

**Reminder:** Please call Pastor Dave's cell phone number: (605) 680-9958 when trying to get ahold of him or to leave a message

**We continue to collect donated items you so generously give to the needy.** We bring to so many places and everything is VERY appreciated. We are collecting winter clothes at this time as they don't have room to store a lot of things. **They are in need of good used towels, coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, shoes and boots.** Please put items in garbage bags and write on the outside of the bag what's inside if it's men's, women's, boys, girls, blankets, or misc. Devotional books are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at Gloria Kok or Shirley Johnson's garages. Please call ahead so we can be there when you stop. For questions on what to donate, call Gloria (605-207-0096) or Shirley (605-207-0388). Thanks again for all you donate to a worthy cause!

**Christmas Eve Service** 4:00 PM Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
with communion "The Present in His Presence"

**Christmas Morning Service** 9:30 AM Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
with communion "What Do You Do with the Baby?"

**No Men's Bible Study** this week or next week. We'll pick back up in the new year on Saturday, January 4.

There are Advent reading plans for kids on the narthex table. Please take for your family! (Idea: read all the passages before opening Christmas presents during your family get togethers)

Through the generosity of our church community, we provided 88 gifts for 44 children who have one or more parents incarcerated. Each child received one clothing item, one toy, and a pamphlet with the Good News. Thank you for your support and kindness! - The Angel Tree Committee: Marla Tegethoff, Connie Kirsch & Brittany Ruen

## Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Moe Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

### **Please pray for:**

- Please keep the family & friends of Carol Schroeder, age 61, in your prayers as they mourn her passing on December 9th. Please keep her husband, Tom, her sons, Wyatt & Waylon, & all her extended family in your prayers. Carol is Mike Konechne's sister. Please keep Mike, Estelle, & their family in your prayers. Pray for the sure & certain truth of the resurrection to give them strength, hope, peace, and comfort.
- Please keep Moe Johnson in your prayers. Pray for his right leg to be strengthened, for his balance to improve, & for his neck pain, and headaches to go away. Pray he would know the Lord's close-abiding presence, comfort, and love every moment of every day.
- Praise God Nancy & George Miller are dealing well with Nancy's health problem. Thank Him her stomach pain, which had been frequent early on is only, is only occasional now. Please pray the Lord will bless each day Nancy has left, that she will be without pain, & able to the end to love & communicate with George & her family & friends. Pray for Nancy, George, & their family to know the Lord's comfort, love, & strength throughout.
- Please continue to pray for Pearl Feiok as she recovers from sepsis. Pray the nausea will leave her, that God will heal her of all infection & restore her strength & energy levels. Pray she would know God's close-abiding presence, comfort, and peace throughout.
- Praise God Randy Foxley's knee continues to improve & physical therapy is going well. Please pray for his pain to diminish daily & for him to be able to sleep better. Pray Randy would know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout his recovery.
- Please keep Jill DeWet in your prayers, asking the Lord to bless her in her final months of pregnancy with His protection, provision, & strength. Pray Jill, Jacques, & Maverick would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding & that this baby would be born healthy, strong, & full-term. Thank God for a very good report at her last doctor's appointment.
- Please continue to pray for Mike Erickson. Pray God would drastically lower the number of his cancer markers, would stabilize his blood sugar levels, relieve the arthritic pain in his knee and the frequent pain in his stomach, & eradicate all cancer from Mike's body. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence.

- Please keep Floyd & Karen Dimick in your prayers as Floyd recovers from surgery on Oct. 27th to repair a broken left femur. He is holding up well under Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy. Pray for relief from pain & for the ability to sleep well. Pray Karen recovers well from a recent bout of vertigo. Pray both Floyd & Karen would know the Lord's presence, walk in His love, and abide in His peace. He is in Room Number 17 at Avera Care Center in Platte.
- Please also pray for Karen Dimick's niece, Dana Hanson, who is hospitalized at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. She has a tracheotomy and a breathing tube but is still unconscious. Pray, in Jesus's name, that He would awaken her from her coma, touch her with His healing hand, & restore her brain & any other part of her body that was affected. Pray for a miracle!
- Please pray for Dave's & Peggy's new daughter-in-law, Koni, that her application for a visa into the U.S. would be expedited so she could soon join John in the U.S. Pray John's apartment in Pierre would provide a comfortable temporary home for them and for an affordable house to come on the market soon. Thank God that John seems to like his job & enjoys the people he's working with. Please pray he would enjoy his job more with each passing day.
- Please keep Pr. Mike DeJager from 1st Reformed Church in your prayers. He recently had another stem cell procedure for his neck in hopes of reducing the abnormal measurements even further. Praise God the procedure went well. Please pray the Lord's hand would be upon Mike in his recovery and that his neck would be greatly improved by this procedure. Pray for Mike & his family to know the Lord's comfort & peace throughout.
- Please keep Calvary Baptist Church in your prayers as they search for a replacement for Pr. Dave Anderson. Pray God would make clear to the Call Committee exactly who they are to call, and that person would not only bless Calvary but would bless our entire community.



## **A Hallelujah Christmas**

A couple came to Bethlehem  
Expecting child, they searched the inn  
To find a place for You were coming soon  
There was no room for them to stay  
So in a manger filled with hay  
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night  
To see this baby wrapped in light  
A host of angels led them all to You  
It was just as the angels said  
You'll find Him in a manger bed  
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east  
To Bethlehem, the Wise Men three  
Came many miles and journeyed long for You  
And to the place at which You were  
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh  
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me  
This baby boy would grow to be  
A man and one day die for me and you  
My sins would drive the nails in You  
That rugged cross was my cross, too  
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

## **Manger Throne**

You could have stepped into creation with fire for all to see  
Brought every tribe and nation to their knees  
Arriving with the host of heaven in royal robe and crown  
The rulers of the earth all bowing down

But You chose meekness over majesty  
Wrapped Your power in humanity

*Chorus:* Glory be to You alone  
King who reigns from a manger throne  
My life my praise everything I own  
to Jesus the King on a manger throne

You could have marched in all Your glory into the heart of Rome  
Showed them splendor like they'd never known  
But You wrote a better story in humble Bethlehem  
Creator in the arms of common men

You will die for our redemption and You'll rise so we can live

*Chorus x 2*

My life my praise everything I own to Jesus the King on a manger throne  
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