

Preparing for the Coming of the King



The
Holy Spirit
confirms the
TRUTH

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary,
the baby leaped in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:41



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave
Pastor Dave Martin
4 Advent – December 22, 2024
9:30 AM Worship

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Lighting of Fourth Candle on Advent Wreath

P: When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife and she bore a son, and he called him Jesus.

C: Lord, as we light this advent candle, give us courage to follow your commands as Joseph did. You used the obedience of Joseph and Mary alike to bring your son into the world. Likewise, use our obedience to bring Christ to the world of this day. You used Joseph and Mary to give him the name "Jesus," which means *the Lord saves*, for he will save his people from their sins. Empower us to proclaim the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and your salvation. Amen.

Tyson & Maggie Dyk family

Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

LBW 60

Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Rejoicing in the good news that God and sinners are reconciled in Christ, let us confess our need for forgiveness.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: God of everlasting love, **P & C: we confess that we have lived in captivity to the fear of death. By our actions and by our neglect, we have fallen short of your good and gracious will. Free us from anxiety and distraction cast out our sin, and enter in; give us a new birth of hope as we welcome the child born to save, Christ the Lord. Amen.**

P: The angels of God proclaim to us the birth of hope and joy

and peace to God's people on earth. For the sake of the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, God forgives us all our sins and delights to call us beloved children.

C: Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 7:13-14

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Matthew 1:19-23

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Children's Sermon

Song "**O Little Town of Bethlehem**"

LBW 41

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-20

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Sermon "**The Holy Spirit Confirms the Truth**"

Give Thanks to God

Song "**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**"

LBW 54

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 "**Little Drummer Boy**"

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 15 General Offering: \$5746.85 **Attendance:** 185

Musician Donna Nelson

Greeters Dec 22—Darrel & Valerie Hildebrand

Dec 29—Donna Hanten & Pearl Feiok

Ushers Dec 22—Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain

Dec 29—Frank Cutler & Lee Hanten

Available for Prayer Dan & Phyllis Daum

Coffee Cookie Servers

Dec 22—Stacy Severson, Liz Spawn, Tonya Standy

Dec 29—Shawna Strand, Meredith Suits, Sheila Summerville

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

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

The Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew will not meet the next 2 Mondays - Christmas break.

Please join us for **Advent Worship service** at Platte Health Care Center on Monday, December 23 at 2:15 PM. We 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 the 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.)

Join us this week to celebrate our Savior being born!

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

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

New Hope Christian Camp will be having a winter day camp from December 30th-Jan. 2nd. Kids in grades 1st-5th will be able to attend. The cost is \$20 per day. To register go to newhopechristiancamp.org.

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

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!

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

Little Drummer Boy

Come, they told me, *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
A newborn King to see; *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
Our finest gifts we bring *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
To lay before the King *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
Rum-pum-pum-pum, Rum-pum-pum-pum
So to honour Him *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
When we come

Baby Jesus *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
I am a poor boy too; *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
I have no gift to bring. *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
That's fit to give our King *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
Rum-pum-pum-pum, Rum-pum-pum-pum
Shall I play for you *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
On my drum?

Mary nodded *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
The ox and Lamb kept time *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
I played my drum for Him *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
I played my best for Him *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
Rum-pum-pum-pum, Rum-pum-pum-pum
Then He smiled at me *Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum*
Me and my drum.

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 Kory Meyerink & his loved ones in your prayers. Kory had back surgery in Sioux Falls on December 19th. Pray for his recovery & physical therapy to go well, for God to guard him from complications, infections, & sickness, & for his back pain to continue to diminish until it is completely gone. Pray this would give him a new lease on life & that he would know the Lord's love, peace, strength, & comfort throughout.
- 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 the family & friends of Norma Schulte in your prayers as they mourn her passing on Dec. 13th. Pray they would feel the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & joy as they mourn and would walk in His strength. Norma is the mother of Vickie Boltjes & the mother-in-law of Tom Boltjes.
- Please keep Moe Johnson in your prayers. He is in Room 107 of the Platte Hospital recovering from pneumonia and trigeminal neuralgia, a very painful inflammation of the trigeminal nerve that causes excruciating shooting pains in the face and head. Pray for the healing hand of Jesus to be upon him and for Moe to feel Christ's close-abiding love, comfort, presence, and strength.
- 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.
- 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.