

Preparing for the Coming of the King



Taking  
the Baby  
Home



She will bear a son,  
and you shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.  
Matthew 1:21



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

**Pastor Dave Martin**

Christmas Day – December 25, 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

Lighting of Christmas Candle

**P:** The Apostle John saw the salvation of God in the Word, the Word of God made flesh. For that Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and in Him was life!

**C:** Lord, as we light the Christ candle this Christmas morning, give us sight! Sight to see your salvation in the Word. Sight to see the glory of the One and Only in the baby Jesus. Sight to see Your grace and Your truth in the Word made flesh. Amen.

*Brady & Taylor Koopal family*

Song “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

**LBW 45**

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:

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Romans 8:9-12

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Children's Sermon

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

**LBW 71**

Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18-25

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Sermon "**Taking the Baby Home**"

## *Give Thanks to God*

Song "**The First Noel**"

**LBW 56**

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

## *Celebration of Holy Communion*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

## *God Calls Us to Serve*

Song "**Joy to the World**"

**LBW 39**

Benediction

*Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve*

**Thank you for joining us this Christmas for worship our God together!  
We hope you have a safe and blessed day!**

**Ushers** Lee Hanten & Tony Schrank

**Communion Servers** Scott Dingus, Mike Gilbertz, Jim Holter

**Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion.**

Visitors are welcome to share with us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for us, for the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew will not meet on Monday during Christmas break.

**New Hope Christian Camp will be having a winter day camp from December 30<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Kids in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be able to attend. The cost is \$20 per day. To register go to [newhopechristiancamp.org](http://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!

## 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 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.