

Join us for snacks and coffee across from the sanctuary following the worship service. Thank you Jeff and Robin Ries for hosting.

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Please let the office know if you would like tithing envelopes for 2020. There's a sign up sheet on the table outside the office.

Thank you, Carey



Kids age 3-5th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children's Message in the 10 am worship service.

# This Week at Mansfield 1st

Sunday, December 15

10 am Worship Service

5:30 pm Carols Around the Tables

Thursday, December 19

9:30 am Mansfield 1st Prayer Meeting

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"Jesus Our Everlasting Father"
Luke 1:31-33

**December 15, 2019** 

**Order of Worship** 

December 15, 2019

**Announcements** 

Moment for Mission—Fellowship Team

\*Greet One Another with the Peace of Christ

Call To Worship (Psalm 28:6-9)

<u>ALL</u>: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

We welcome you this morning on this Third Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Joy) & Reflection:

(Jan Smith, Judy Swartzmiller, and Leslie Lancy)

## \*Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

LORD, Your WORD reminds us that "Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." (Ps.32:1) Forgive us when we do not uncover and admit our sin to You for we acknowledge that our sins are too numerous to count. Forgive us when we refuse to rest in Your Grace and accept Your forgiveness. Forgive us for not seeking daily Your wisdom through prayer and the WORD. Help us to cling to You and obey no matter our circumstances. Thank you, LORD for being the Creator LORD of the universe and the LORD of our lives. In Your Glorious Name we pray, Amen

\*Hymn of Praise:

#251 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Tithes, Offerings, Offertory, and Prayer Requests

\*Song of Response #815 Doxology

## Children's Message

Children are dismissed for Kids' Own Worship

Scripture: Luke 1:31-33

Sermon: "Jesus Our Everlasting Father"

\*Song of Response:

#281 "What Child Is This?"

Prayers of God's People (Hebrews 4:14-16)

14Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

# Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!

Please come forward if you would like to receive prayer.

\*Closing Hymn:

#270 "Joy to the World!"

Benediction

**Postlude** 

\*Please stand if possible

# Announcements!

# WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU

If you have an immediate prayer need and would like prayer during service today, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests will be read and prayers will be after the sermon. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you, and/or get back with you if more information is needed.



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Studying the Epistles of Paul, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.



Session minutes are available in the Narthex following their approval.



Carols Around the Tables
Today at 5:30 pm



#### **Christmas Eve Service**

Family Candlelight Service at 4:30 p.m.

\*\*\*Last week your contributions totaled \$2,084.25. This includes online deposits posted 12/2-12/8/19. Thank you for your tithes and offerings.\*\*\*