

IN OUR PRAYERS

Imogene Giles, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Rocky French (De and Robert French's son), Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey's parents).

ANGEL TREE 2021

Don't miss your opportunity to share God's Love with our Angel Tree recipients this year! Pick an angel from the tree in the back of the sanctuary! Please have your gifts wrapped with the recipient's name clearly marked on your gifts. All gifts need to be in the sanctuary no later than Sunday, December 19th in order to get them all delivered by Christmas.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

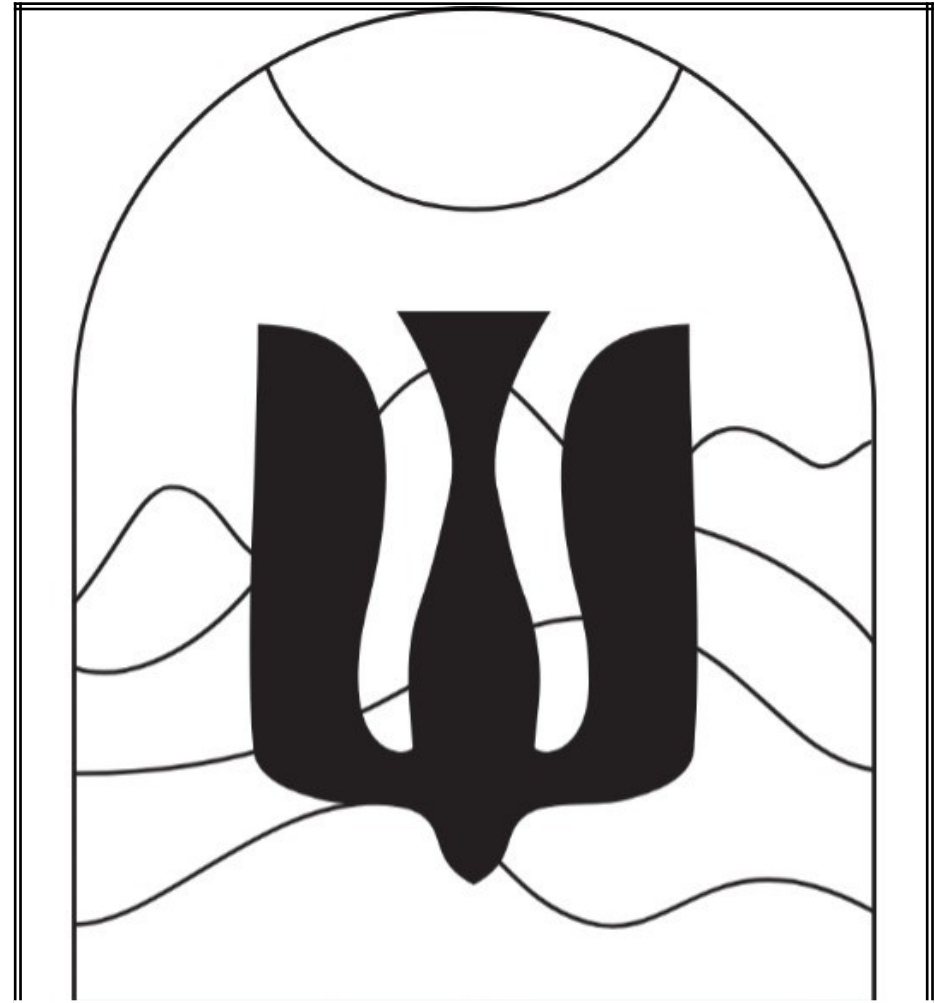
We will have a congregational meeting next Sunday, December 19th. The purpose of the congregational meeting will be to elect our next class of officers, recognize our officers rotating off and our leadership, and approve the pastor's terms of call. Please be sure to stay for just a few minutes for this very important business meeting in the life of our church. Nominating forms need to be filled out and submitted by the end of worship today.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will have our annual Christmas Eve service December 24th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary! This service is a service of lessons and carols, with Communion and candlelight. We do remind everyone coming that we are still recommending masks while entering and exiting, and asking families to social distance as much as possible. Please join us in person or online for this very special service!

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil
Mission/Outreach: Trish McCoy
Worship: Virginia Gordon
Christian Education: Lou Haynes
Property: John Merritt
Stewardship/Finance: Kim Burden
Congregational Care: John Johnston



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Advent

December 12, 2021

11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: “Once in Royal David’s City”.....Gauntlett

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Paula Meades

Advent Song: “Soon and Very Soon” vs. 3 (*page 384 Glory to God Hymnal*)

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 143:** “Angels From the Realms of Glory”.....Smart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, during this season of anticipation, we confess that we busy ourselves with many preparations and neglect preparing our hearts for your coming. Our relationships with you and our neighbors are wounded. We have failed to love as you love us. We do not always live in the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ, whose coming we both celebrate and await. Forgive us, and mend what is broken.

Merciful God, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, strength for our weakness, compassion for our apathy. Prepare our hearts to receive Christ, who brings us hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, joy in our sorrow, and love in our loneliness. We humbly ask your mercy in Jesus Christ’s name we pray.

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Mary’s Song”.....Lau

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Sermon: “ My Soul Rejoices ”Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal p. 35*)

Gloria Patri (*The Glory to God Hymnal, p. 581*)

***Hymn 110:** “Love Has Come”.....French melody

Offertory: “The Carol of Bethlehem”.....Lorenz

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606*)

SENDING

***Hymn 88:** “O Come, O Come Emanuel”(*verses 1-4*).....Helmore

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON

Our sermon next week, December 19th will be “Elizabeth Gives Birth” with scripture readings from Luke 1:57-66. Bring a friend or friends to join us!