

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, John Davis, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson), Alston Gordon (Henry Gordon's brother)

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND JOY GIFT LUNCHEON

Save the date for this most special Sunday in the life of our church! Next Sunday, December 17th during worship, our choir will present for you a beautiful cantata by Joseph Martin, Tidings of JOY, a Celtic Christmas. You will be blessed! After the cantata, we will meet in Gossett Hall for our annual Joy Gift luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish/dessert and join us! Meat and drinks will be provided.

## ANGEL TREE

Please remember to pick an Angel from the tree in the back of the sanctuary to bless this sweet family for Christmas! Please have your gift wrapped and tagged with the name of the recipient. We need all gifts by next Sunday, December 17th. God bless you for your generosity!

## WEDNESDAY ADVENT STUDY

Please join us for our Advent study in Gossett Hall each Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

## JOY GIFT OFFERING

During the Advent season, we will be collecting for the Joy Gift offering. Please check out the bulletin insert and bulletin board to learn more about this most worthy mission project. Make checks payable to WPC and memo "JOY". God bless your most generous giving!

## SESSION

**Clerk:** Kim Burden

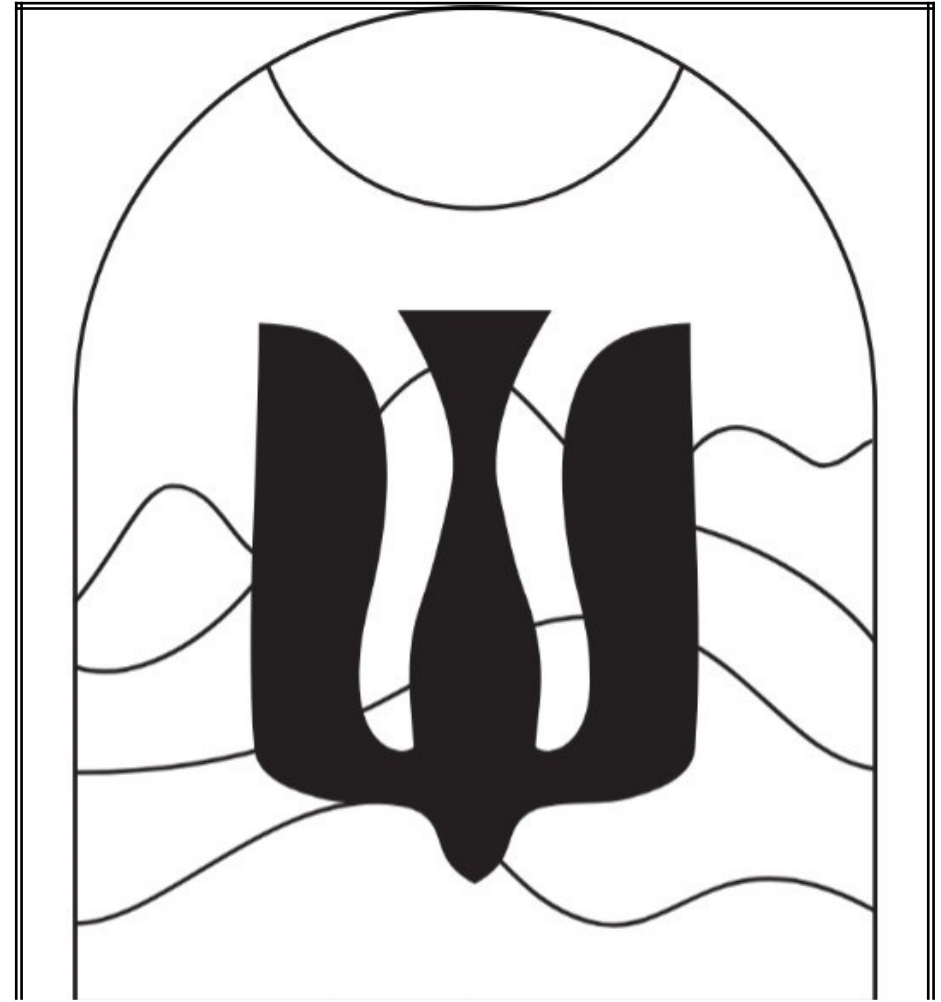
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

11:00 A.M.

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “Good Christian Men, Rejoice, Rejoice!”.....Alington

### Welcome and Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**.....The Orłowski Family

**Advent Song:** *No more crying there, we are going to see the King. No more crying there, we are going to see the King. No more crying there, we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We're going to see the King!*

**Minute for Missions:**.....Nita McMillan

**\*Hymn 106:** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”.....Nelson

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

(Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for his coming, in Jesus' Holy name we pray.

*(a moment of silent reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## THE WORD

**Anthem:** “What Can I Give?”.....Martin

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Scripture:** Revelation 2:1-7

**Sermon:** “The Test of Our Love” ..... 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 144 :** “In the Bleak Midwinter”.....Holst

**Offertory:** “Once in Royal David's City”.....Mann

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

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 92:** “While We Are Waiting, Come”.....Cason

### Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON: Join us next Sunday for our annual Christmas cantata! The choir will present Joseph Martin's “Tidings of JOY”. Don't miss this most special worship service. After worship, join us for the Joy Gift luncheon. Bring a friend or friends to join us!