

# Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Today, we once more begin the Season of Advent – a season of longing, of waiting, of remembering.

**Advent reminds us of the promises of God.**

As we turn to God, we come laden with expectations,

**And we come filled with hope!**

*As the candle of hope is lit, the congregation is invited to sing the following:*

*Now we light the candle one,  
So the season has begun,  
Bringing hope to a world in despair,  
Restore our souls, this is our prayer.*

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

**May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

HYMN

“The Advent of Our God”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your path, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 623  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Allelu. Amen.*

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.  
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EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC "Waiting, Wandering, Wondering" Schram

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
"A Righteous Branch of Hope"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "I'll Sing A Hymn To Mary" John Wyse

Doxology # 625  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.**

HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life" see insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This morning we will be receiving Communion in the seats. A server will come to your seat to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation.*

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.*

HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" see insert

SENDING AND BLESSING

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.*

*Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

POSTLUDE

*\*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2.*

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we learned that prayer is such an important part of our faith. How important is prayer to your faith journey?
2. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. What part of the advent of Jesus is most amazing to you?
3. What was the Time for God's Children about today?
  - a. Cookies for Christmas
  - b. Advent begins with hope
  - c. The Celtic cross of Christ
4. Why is hope such an important quality to have?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Jeremiah 33:14-16. Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. The days are coming when God will:
    - i. Let the Lions win their first Super Bowl
    - ii. Fulfill the promise he has made to his people
  - b. In those days:
    - i. Water will taste sweet
    - ii. A righteous branch from God will arise
  - c. This branch will do what is right!
  - d. The branch's name will be:
    - i. Donkey Kong
    - ii. Groot
    - iii. The Lord is our righteousness

**Serving in Worship**

- Greeter: Paul Moon  
Ushers: Kathey Turnbull, Ron Martin  
Worship Assistant: Cassy Sautter  
Advent Readers: Lexi Barsch, Margaret Barsch  
Communion Servers: Linda Houghtby, Tina Puntigam  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Melanie Gumz  
Safety Officer: Chris Korne  
Tellers: TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Bring your favorite Brunch dish

**Weekly Bible Studies**

**The Big “?” Bible Study – Sunday at 12:30 pm**

Questions for this study: *In the season of Advent we think of Jesus as being the hope and salvation of all of mankind. But he says he came for the Israelites. Did we expand his scope? Who did Jesus really come for? Who was he born for?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

**Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm**

We will be rotating between Psalms and the minor Prophets.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

**Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 1:00 pm**

We are studying the book of Acts.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

**Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – Thursday - 9:30 am**

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on December 8 - Malachi 3:1-4.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating David Jr.'s birthday,  
Dave and Beth Olko

# Celebrating



## **Birthdays:**

December 2

Melanie Gumz

December 2

David Olko

## **Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this month.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Lots of space is available for those special dates!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, December 7 – Christmas Caroling**

**Wednesday, December 11 – Ladies Outing to Meadowbrook**

**Saturday, December 14 – Christmas Salad Luncheon**

**Sunday, December 15 – Congregational Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday, December 25 – Moravian Love Feast**

**Saturday, December 28 – Puntigam Open House**



Cookie Exchange! On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies or treats to exchange during fellowship.



## Warming Tree

Our warming tree is once again located in the Narthex. All items are welcome, whether made by hand or purchased. Thank you to the STARS for setting it up. The tree will be available to receive donations until Sunday, December 8. We live in a cold winter climate and many people have to be outdoors. Hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks are getting expensive but are so necessary to keep warm in a Michigan winter. Items are needed for all ages. If you have a need, please help yourself. If you are able to donate, thank you. The items will be donated to Hope Clinic or Samaritan's Purse. Thank you from your Deacons.



## Christmas Morning Moravian Love Feast Breakfast

10:00 am

Please join us for a St. Timothy Family Christmas Celebration. We will read and listen to the Christmas Story. There will be opportunities for each of you to share your favorite personal story or a favorite poem.

We will also be singing some Christmas carols.

A light continental breakfast will be served – remember to bring your favorite mug.

Feel free to wear your pajamas!

**Sign-up on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.**



Community Opportunity Center (COC)  
“Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve”

- I. COC has a craft day in December and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.)

*Questions? Please reach out to Mary or Dennis.*



The Deacons invite you to come Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will call some of our members and visit some of our members to bring them Christmas cheer. Greg and Mike will be providing music for the caroling. Meet at the church at 1:00 pm. Please sign up at the bulletin board in fellowship hall.

**Operation Good Cheer Reminders**

- Reminder that all gifts are to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 1, 2024.
- If you have questions about the stickers, put the sheet of stickers in the gift bags and bring them to the church, and I will apply them for you.
- If you are able to help load the semi-truck with gifts on Friday, December 6 at 8:00 am, there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

If you should have any questions, please call or email Kim at 734-968-5100 or kimberlylgaines@gmail.com



**St. Timothy Faith Circle invites you to their annual Christmas Salad Luncheon**

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 11:00 am to 200 pm

Please bring: a salad to share

Tickets \$3.00 – currently on sale

Entertainment: fun games

Music Entertainment: Tim Chanko/Matt Johnson

Invite: your friends and family



**Advent Devotionals and *table advent wreaths* are available on the table in the narthex.**



**Cassy Sautter enjoys being part of the Farmington Chorus and invites you to one of their Christmas performances.  
“Do You Want to Build a Snowman”**

**The concert dates are:**

- **Friday, December 13th at 8 pm @ The Hawk Auditorium**
- **Saturday, December 14th at 4 pm @ The Hawk Auditorium**

**Tickets are now on sale via The Hawk website – \$15.00 if purchased ahead of time and \$20.00 at the door.**



Spotlight Players at Village Theater in Canton has a performance that our Tim Chanko is involved with – December 6-8.

- “Who Killed Ebenezer Scrooge?” Tim has a role in this performance.
- Details and ticket information are at the Information Station and on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



Our own Matt Johnson invites you to his Xmas concerts:

- December 7, 7 PM Christmas Concert, Church of the Divine Child, 1055 Silvery Lane, Dearborn 48128
- December 8, 3 PM Christmas Concert, Historic Trinity Lutheran, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit 48207
- December 13, 7:30 PM Christmas Concert, Ascension of Christ Lutheran, 16935 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, 48025
- December 14, 7 PM Christmas Concert, Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48154

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 12/1	9:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 12/2	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 12/3	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 12/4	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
Thursday 12/5	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Saturday 12/7	All Day	Kindred Spirits
	1:00 PM	Caroling
Sunday 12/8	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
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	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	The Big "?" Bible Study

## **The Advent of Our God**

*The Advent of our God  
With eager hearts we greet;  
And we must praise Him in this hour  
With hymns and anthems sweet.*

*The glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free;  
With Father, Spirit,  
ever One Through all eternity.  
Amen.*

## **Break Thou the Bread of Life**

*Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living word.*

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, My All in all.*

*Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.*

*O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes And make me see:  
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.  
Amen.*

## **Savior of the Nations, Come**

*Savior of the nations, come;  
virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
that the Lord chose such a birth.*

*From God's heart the Savior speeds;  
back to God his pathway leads;  
out to vanquish death's command,  
back to reign at God's right hand.*

*Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.*

*Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally.*