

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Mike Conyers and Kathi Schutz.

Happy Anniversary to Kevin & Terese Smith—36 years and Malcom & Nikki Dornhoff—23 years.

Prayer List: Joe Hultquist, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and Peggy Rasmussen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves: our love, our companionship, and our material resources, wherever they are needed. Amen.

Holy Communion

Special Music “Remembrance” #38

Closing Song “Forever Reign”

Benediction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is time to rejoice. The Lord is near! We are called to go forth from this place in the full assurance of One who promises peace, strength, and salvation. You have heard the Good News. Now go forth and allow this news to shine for all that you say, all that you do, and all that you are. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sending Forth



United Methodist Church

340 N Newell Ave

Minden, Nebraska

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

December 3, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

1. We plan Homecoming Sunday with a Christmas program during our worship on December 17. If you and your family are interested in participating in the program, please get in touch with the church office or Pastor Peter. Additionally, we will be offering church membership and baptism on this day. If you or your family wish to receive membership and baptism, please get in touch with Pastor Peter or the church office. Lastly, please mark this exceptional program on your calendar and invite those who haven't come to the Church for a while.
2. The Advent season begins today, and we are excited to invite families to participate in the tradition of lighting the Advent candles during our worship service. If your family is interested in being a part of this exceptional experience, sharing in the warmth and anticipation of the season, don't hesitate to write your family name on the back sheet.
3. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, please write your name on the clipboard in the back.
4. Join us for refreshments in room 300 following worship.



First Sunday in Advent: Hope
TFWS 2092 “Like a Child” (Verse 1)

Call to Worship

L: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

P: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs “Everlasting God” #9
“How Can I Keep From Singing” #19

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

The Apostles' Creed

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Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Matthew 1:20-25 (NIV)

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

“The Promised Hope.”

Pastor Peter Choi