

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Congregation of the ELCA

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Worship Plan for Sunday, December 14, 2025 * 3rd Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, where grace and love abound. While we wait and prepare for a new pastor, we invite you to participate fully in the vibrant life of the congregation, and to join us in prayer as we continue to serve God and God's people during this time of transition.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Enriching lives through faith and God's grace.

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Please fill out a worship attendance card found in the pew racks. Prayer requests may be included on the reverse side for one Sunday or bulletin publication.

INVITATION TO BAPTISM: We would like to extend to you the blessing of Baptism and encourage you to contact the church office to be baptized.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Christ is truly present through the power of God's Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to come forward and be renewed in the covenant God made with us in our baptism. All are gladly invited and welcome. If, in coming forward, you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we ask you to fold your hands over your chest so you may receive a pastoral blessing. The Sacrament will be brought to those unable to come forward to the altar (notify an usher). Available upon request: gluten-, wheat-, corn-, dairy-, and soy-free wafers.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION: Families are encouraged to come to the rail together during the distribution. Children may receive Communion or a special blessing from the Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children of all ages is immediately following the Children's Chat.

CELL PHONES: Please silence your cell phones before Worship.

Following worship, ALL are invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Introduction to the day

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

GOSPEL MESSAGE: Keeping Watch

There's nothing quite like the first smell of springtime flowers emerging from the earth. The sensory explosion often catches us by surprise, reminding us that new life is surely coming soon, even though the world still seems to be slumbering and the buds we watch impatiently refuse to open. This third Sunday of Advent lifts the church and stirs our senses as we receive word, along with John the Baptizer, that Jesus is indeed the one we've been waiting for, the one who will turn buds into blooms. This is good news!

We might wonder, however, why we are hearing this news from John's perspective, out of all the voices in the growing community of Jesus-followers. Can we trust his word? After all, John is sitting behind bars at this time, caught in the gears of the world's injustice. John's unjust imprisonment reminds us that working for justice in the world can cause conflict with those in power. But while the world imprisons the innocent and strains to protect the corrupt and cruel, God sees such injustices and works to undo their power. This, too, is good news!

This third Sunday of Advent is sometimes called *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice." Cultivating joy amid the brokenness seen in the world is difficult, but God brings new beginnings where we have known only endings. New tendrils of life are emerging! Something new is coming! Let's share the good news as we wait and keep watch together.

Please stand for the Processional

PROCESSIONAL *Come, All You People: Uyaimose* (ELW 819)

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt. Text © 1986 World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, and the Asian Institute of Liturgy & Music, notation and English paraphrase by I-to Loh.

AM: WELCOME

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church where grace and love abound. A special welcome to those of you here for the first time, to those joining us online, and to our guest preacher, Roderick Sinclair. We're in the season of Advent - the season of expectation and preparation not only for the birth of the Christ child, but for the coming of the permanent pastor God has in mind for us. While this is a time for prayer and discernment, it's also a time for action. So, let's all tune into where the Holy Spirit is leading us and then jump in. Multiple blessings await as we work together to experience and share the love of Jesus Christ here at Faith and beyond our doors.

AM: ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers were provided by the Varsobias, celebrating Berenice's birthday, and by Sandra Miller, celebrating Shalonne's birthday.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to take home after the Christmas Eve service, they are \$16.00 each. Please either place a check in the offering plate, or pay through Zelle, Venmo, PayPal or Vanco and note "poinsettia."

This Wednesday, the 17th is our next Advent worship and soup supper! This week's worship will consist of the Holden Evening Prayer Service and a Dramatic Reading/Monologue by Pat Adams entitled "Shaped by Love - A Potter in Bethlehem." Come at 5:00 for worship and stay for a yummy soup supper afterward!

It's that time of year again! The Outreach Committee is collecting gift cards to give to Menifee Valley Community Cupboard again this year for Christmas! The Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex through December 28th. Pick up a flyer for all of the information you'll need.

This Saturday, the 20th, from 12:00 - 4:00 there will be a Christmas Carnival & Craft Fair here at Faith! There will be a lot of fun activities, so be sure to pick up a flyer in the Narthex and plan to come!

This quarter (October - December) Outreach is collecting the following items for MilVet: Chewing gum (individually wrapped packs) and beef sticks (individually wrapped). The items will be used in monthly boxes sent to deployed military. The donation box is in the Narthex.

For December, we are collecting canned tuna and meat, grocery bags, and empty egg cartons. Please place donations in the wire basket in the foyer.

For more information and a complete monthly calendar, contact the church office.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Joanne McGavran

P: GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P: GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Advent Wreath Lighting: Candle 3 (Joy)

Shelby and Charlie Dummert (the Puccios' granddaughters)

LIGHTING SONG: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (performed by Tommee Profitt)*

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ADVENT LITANY

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

A: Wake us up to your coming.

AM: We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

A: Wake us up to your coming.

P: We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

A: Wake us up to your coming.

AM: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

A: Wake us up to your coming.

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

Amen.

AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 856

Please stand as you are willing and able.

GATHERING SONG: *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856, vs. 1, 3, 4)

With Pr. Ken Puccio on guitar

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P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. I declare the entire forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P: PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through

**Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

P: WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON INTRODUCTION:

The Old Testament reading for this third Sunday in Advent continues the book of Isaiah's imagery. On the first Sunday in Advent, Isaiah 2 depicted the ideal world as one where the heavenly temple reconfigures the global political landscape. Isaiah 11, read during the second Sunday of Advent, used peace between natural enemies in the animal world to symbolize the rectitude of a world ruled by an ideal human leader. This week's material from Isaiah 35 uses water imagery to represent the road to this perfect world, which still lies far off in the distance. In Isaiah's poem of God's redemption, he pictures the desert blossoming into glorious life. The threat of the desert was never far from the experience of the Israelites. They were forged by God into his people through their forty years wandering in the wilderness.

LECTOR: FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not

travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM INTRODUCTION:

Psalm 146 is a hymn of praise. Hope in God in vv. 5-10 is being contrasted to hope in human power in vv. 3-4. The contrast is important, for it underscores how trust or hope is essential to our very character, and hence how we must place our trust in some power either human or divine. Therefore, when read in its entirety, this psalm picks up a theme-namely, that where we place our hope can be our undoing or our remaking. Psalm 146 is a celebration of how hope in God is our remaking. Those who put their hope in God are called happy, because God heals the wounded and executes justice for the oppressed.

LECTOR: PSALMODY: Psalm 146:5-10

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Amen.

SECOND LESSON INTRODUCTION:

James urges the church to be patient because the Lord was close at hand. The word for patience means, literally, long-suffering. Obviously, if we're feeling fine

and enjoying ourselves, we don't need patience, because we are not anxious for our experience to end. The church that James addressed was subject to suffering. They were anxious for their ordeal to end with the second coming of Christ. How different from our pampered existence in affluent America! No wonder most Christians don't get too excited about the prospect of the Parousia. Most Americans are not anxious for Christ to return, and so the kind of patience which James directs is about as well received as a can of soda pop without its fizz. After all, it's been over 2,000 years since James promised the eminent return of Christ in glory. We have no idea how soon or late that advent will be. Nevertheless, suffering is still with us and patience is still needed. The nearness of the Lord can still inspire us to hang in there. Regardless of the date of the Parousia, Christ is near to strengthen us in suffering and give us the victory.

LECTOR: SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL INTRODUCTION:

Jesus did not appear to be the kind of Messiah even John the Baptist expected. Perhaps John had hoped that if Jesus was indeed the Messiah, he would free John from prison as Isaiah 61:1 had promised. In reply to John's question, communicated through his disciples, Jesus told them to report back to John the facts about his ministry. Jesus did not deny the role that John had played in

preparing the way for him. Yet something more than John's message of repentance was needed. The Shalom of God comes to those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah/Christ.

P: GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹ "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: RODERICK SINCLAIR

AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 435

Please stand as you are willing and able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (ELW 435)

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AM: APOSTLE'S CREED

We continue as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose

again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

PASTOR AND ASSISTING MINISTER: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

God of power and mercy, we praise you for Jesus and his acts of healing and liberation. Lead us to proclaim the good news from generation to generation, that all may place their hope in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

When lands are parched and dry, bring rain and snow; where wilderness is barren, sow seeds of life. Fill the lands with trees that grow, plants that flower, and creatures that thrive, as nature proclaims the wonder of your works. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

When there is injustice or corruption among nations and leaders, root it out. Turn their attention to inequity and the cries of the poor. Instill a deeper sense of compassion and care in all who govern. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

When bodies weaken and hearts grow fearful, speak your blessing. We pray especially for Briana; Ian Berger; Mary Booth; Arnette Calkins; Rich and Sandy Chandler; Vicki Crow; Eleanor Diaz; Debbie Ehrig; Doris Hays; Sarge Hunter; Eileen Johnson; the Kadow and Forbes families; Mike Latchford; Don Little; Donna McCain; Sandra Miller; Dee Mills; Carol Morris; Michael Myers; Esther Neumen; Nancy Randolph and family; Marilyn Rieti; Amy Sinclair; Shalonne Stone; Joyce Stromberg; Kiki Thomas; Nicholas Thomas; Earlean Wagner; Diana Ward; Harold Whitford; the homebound; the emergency responders; the San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus; and those grieving and anticipating surgery or tests. At this time, we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. In uncertain times, remind us of the promise spoken to our ancestors in faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

When people are imprisoned or held captive, break the chains and offer release. Strengthen the work of the church in restorative justice, breaking cycles of poverty, and welcoming the immigrant. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As we await your coming, we give thanks for the faithful who have lived and died in faith. May their boldness of faith inspire our witness and work. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those on the Call Committee who shall discern a pastor for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

P: PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

P: OFFERING

Today's focus is on the ministry of Faith's Endowment Fund Board, which is comprised of five members who faithfully oversee the accounts that make up the Endowment Fund. The Board manages long-term financial gifts and the disbursement of earnings. Thanks to the generosity of earlier generations and current members, those funds have done much good through the years in accordance with the church's Constitution. As the Endowment Scholarship plaques in the hallway attest, scholarship recipients have been recorded since 1998. In recent years, an online scholarship application has enabled Faith to reach a wide range of students pursuing various occupations, even three international students at the seminary. Please see the church's website for application details so that you can encourage eligible students to apply beginning on February 1. Thank you to many of you who thoughtfully designate memorials and gifts to the Endowment Fund.

This morning's offering, including our prayers and pledges, will now be brought forward and lifted up to God during the Musical Offering.

Please feel free to either listen to our musical offering or sing along

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Goodness of God* (Sung by the Crosby Family)

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AM: OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: PREFACE (ELW p. 153)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*all sing*) (ELW #190)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

P: THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION

As you are comfortable, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. All of God's children are welcome to Christ's table. Gather at the altar rail to receive the communion elements or if you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may commune yourself once you've received the communion elements. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread from the Pastor. Then pick up a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the Communion Server. A gluten-free option is available upon request. Please deposit empty cups in the provided baskets/trays on your way back to your seat unless they are collected at the altar. If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

P: INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

What Feast of Love (ELW 487)

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Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471, vs. 1-3) with Pr. Ken on guitar

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Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)

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Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (ELW 472)

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P: COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Communion Dismissal

AM: PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and

to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

P: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 267

Please stand as you are willing and able.

SENDING SONG: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267)

Public Domain; Sources: Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

AM: INVITATION

We would like to invite guests and visitors to come and meet us in the narthex as you exit so that our council members can welcome you, and you can join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and conversation.

AM: DISMISSAL

AM: Go forward in peace and anticipation of the Savior's Birth.

Response: Thanks be to God, we will!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Tuesday, the 16th: 4 Plus 1 Group meets at 10:00; the Fellowship Team meets at 2:00

Wednesday, the 17th: Advent Worship & Soup Supper begins at 5:00; Menifee Reads! Book Club meets at 7:00

Thursday, the 18th: Menifee Reads! Book Club meets at 2:00

Friday, the 19th: Al-Anon meets at 10:30

Saturday, the 20th: The Christmas Carnival & Craft Fair is from 12:00-4:00

Sunday, the 21st: Worship begins at 9:30 with Pr. Shane

THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Candy

LECTOR: David M.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Shelby and Charlie Dummert

POWER POINT: Bill

USHER: Becky

ATTENDANCE: Joanne

GREETER: Walli

ALTAR GUILD: Kandie and Debbie

SOUND: Mars

LIVE STREAM: Madeline

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