An Order for the Worship of God
November 29, 2026

Ringing of the Bells
Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able
Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 80 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved,
O Lord God of hosts, Restore us.
Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Bill and Nancy Wallace

*Opening Hymn: #92, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v. 1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Dear God, Thank You for this beautiful first Sunday of Advent. We light the first purple candle today. It is the candle of hope. Please light a fire of hope inside our hearts. The world around us feels very dark sometimes. But Your love is a bright light. Help us wake up every day with fresh faith. Keep our eyes focused on the true meaning of this season. Wipe away our daily worries and fill our homes with warm light and happy thoughts. Thank You for giving us a reason to hope again. And now as Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father…(debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, your offer of salvation is a gift beyond price. We know that the night is far gone and that the day is near, but we struggle to rouse ourselves from sleep. We long to open our eyes and behold the glory of your dawn, but our eyelids have grown heavy and the light stings our eyes. We yearn to heed your summons and make a great pilgrimage of faith, but our need for rest seems greater. Call us once again, Holy One, for we long to hear your voice and know that salvation is near. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Hear the good news: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first came to believe. The one who came as child long ago, will awaken our hearts and give us hope. Thanks be to God. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 112:1-9
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

*Gloria Patri**:** #558 (PILGRIM)

New Testament Reading: Acts 20:32-35
Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: It's a Wonderful Life

*Responsive Hymn**:** #We Give Thee but Thine Own, v. 1, 2 & 5

Congregational Prayer
L: Lord, in your mercy
C**: Hear our prayer**

<u>Sacrament of Holy Communion</u>
Invitation to the Table/Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution
Distribution
Communion will be received today in the pews. The Bread of Life is received first, please eat as you receive it. The wine or grape juice will be served next, please wait for all to receive to drink.
Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering
Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer
Whatever challenges we face, O God, we have also known your many blessings. Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness, that they may be used to prophesy in your spirit and to share your bounty with those in need. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #85, Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates, v. 1-3

Benediction
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles - Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister	Pastor Jerry Eisner
Liturgist	Kathy Stowers
Assisting Minister	Paul Isaacson
Offering the Message	Bob Laubenheimer
Director of Music	Sue Laubenheimer
Advent Candle	Bill and Nancy Wallace

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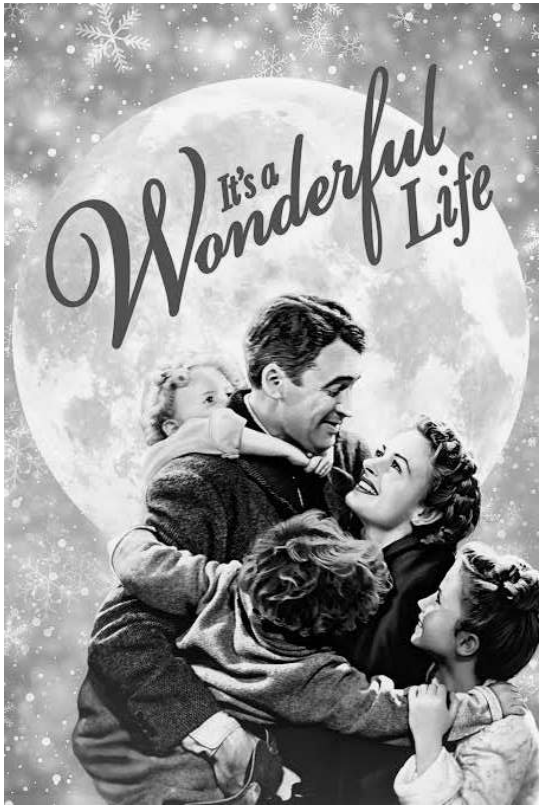

Welcome Visitors! **Thank you for joining this congregation for worship this morning. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in all functions of the church including communion and fellowship. Please pick up a *Welcome!* Folder as you exit the church to learn more about the offerings of St Jacobi Congregational Church! We are happy you are here!**

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