

December 8, 2024

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

150 years of worship on this site!

Second Sunday of Advent

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*We invite you to rest here in the arms of the divine...*

*...to feel the connection, to feel the belonging,*

*to feel that you have a place among us. You belong in our story.*

#### GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ken Maurer*

Good morning and welcome to Coleman Memorial Chapel! We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we have worship and time for fellowship. I open our service with the following from Psalm 68:4-5, "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides upon the clouds – His name is the Lord – be exultant before Him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation."

#### PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Rev. Sally Ott*

"The Candle of Peace" (purple)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Are we ready? A voice cries out: "Prepare for God's arrival!

**Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.**

Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.

**Smooth out the ruts and clear out the rocks.**

Let's get ready for Christ's coming in our worship of the God of heaven.

\*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Blue #2

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Holy and loving God, in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave.**

**May we be honest and confess to the darkness within us, and be more perceptive of the light around us. May we remake our paths straight toward the Lord, so that we may see God's glory revealed. Together we pray in the name of Emmanuel, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please take a moment for private prayer to make your own confession.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

Please mute your phone.

No food in the sanctuary.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, beloved of God, open your eyes to the Light of the World! Forgiveness is ours through faith in his saving grace. Know that in Christ you are forgiven, and be at peace. And let everyone say . . . **Amen!**

#### WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We do not pass the plate for collection, instead a plate may be found on the front table.

\*DOXOLOGY "Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign."

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response Blue #44

*"How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in."*

HYMN (seated) "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Blue #48

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 3:1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:1-6

SERMON: Listen! Prepare the way. *Pastor Karen*

\*CLOSING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Blue #462

\*BENEDICTION "Emmanuel" Green #134  
*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel."*

For general questions, contact a board member (names posted on bulletin board).  
For church grounds maintenance requests, contact Roy Mace.  
For church building maintenance requests, contact Bosh Leshner.  
Covenant Pastor: Rev. Karen S. Bachman; email: [PastorK.CMC1@gmail.com](mailto:PastorK.CMC1@gmail.com)  
Music Team: Rev. Sally and Bruce Ott.

### OUR PRAYERS

Please contact any board member or the pastor if you wish to add to this list. In our prayers today and your prayers this week, please remember the following:

- (congregation's requests)
- People fleeing from violence and war, occupation, and oppression; the heart and soul of V. Putin and all others like him.
- Our church mission and the congregation that supports it.
- Our country and all who live, work, and serve here and abroad.
- Our "hometown heroes" and other volunteers who care for special members of our community and those who are sick.
- Our Coleman Memorial Chapel family who cannot be here with us.
- Our leaders – local, state, and national – that they listen to the Holy Spirit.

### \*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

**Christmas Card Exchange** begins today and runs for the next two Sundays. Skip the post office and bring your CMC cards to the chapel.  
**Christmas Candlelight Service**, December 22, 7:00 p.m., with Swamp Lutheran Church Bell Choir  
**Covenant Renewal Service**, January 5, 2025 – begin the New Year by renewing your commitment as a disciple of Christ.

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *Coleman Memorial Chapel*

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**Traditional Worship 10:15 a.m.**  
**Coffee Fellowship: Before and after the service.**

