

*Hymn *Joy to the World!* No. 143

Postlude *Noël* Louis-Claude Daquin
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*



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Decatur, Illinois

December 26, 2021



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Noël* Claude Balbastre
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Tina Miller

*Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1, 2, 4)* No. 148

*Responsive Reading Michael E. Karunas

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God and the Word was God.

People: All things came into being through Him.

Leader: He is the light of all people.

**People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness
did not overcome it.**

**All: We come to dwell in this light, the very presence
of God among us.**

*Invocation

*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.**

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Moment

Prayer Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1, 4)* No. 144

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Invitation

Special Music Karen Driver, soprano

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Lingering in the Light*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* No. 163

*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith
and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this
Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Kevin Miller

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration David York

*(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church
affiliation.)*

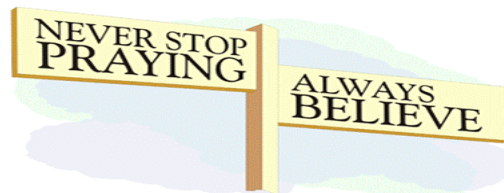
Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of
Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our
Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

*Benediction

Prayer List



Last updated 12/24/2021

Members

Jean Booher
Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
Unique Hess
Evelyn Sanders
Gretchen Barron
Linda Kuhns
David Ash
Morris Birkhead
David Poisel
Herb & Duff Knudsen
Bob & Pat O'Connell
Larry Pepper
Susie Bean
Tessa McCoy
Sarah, Chad, & Amelia Jennings
Lauren McLemore

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)
Warren Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)
Doris Matey (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)

Friends & Family, continued

Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden)
Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)
Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Vicky McGorray (friend of Connie Bordner)
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Ronald & Harriette York (David York's parents)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
William Dayton Keyes (great-nephew of
Gale Barnes)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jeff Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)
Jackson (friend of Janelle Beedle)
Zac Penwell (son of friend of Maria Jacobs)

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)
Trysten Hall (son of Sheila & Charles Hall,
great-grandson of Lawrence & Sally Thicksten)
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter &
grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary
(great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of
Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry &
Marla Winkleblack)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)

Worship Extras December 26, 2021

Starter Question

How soon after Christmas do you put your Christmas decorations away?

Linger in the Light

John 1:1-14

Jesus is the light

Characteristics of Light

Light gives guidance (PS 119:105)

Light is non-judgmental (John 3)

Light is inclusive (John 3:17)

Light lingers

Sunset

2-3 minutes to “set”

70 minutes of after-glow

December 26 – a time to “linger” in the light of the Christmas promises

- Christ speaks power over our chaos
- Christ speaks in our silence
- Christ comes at unlikely times, in unlikely places and people
- Christ calls us to follow his plans and serve his purposes



John 1:1-14 NRSV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.