

# Welcome To Worship



December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

## **CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Advent is a time to prepare.

**Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

**Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

During Advent we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

**Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christ.

**Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.

**Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.**

**OPENING HYMN:**                      **#314**                      *“Longing for Light” (Vs. 1,2,5)*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We gather together in this season of Advent  
anticipating hope, praying for peace,  
attempting to cultivate joy and share love  
amidst commotion, grief, despair and uncertainty.

### *Moment of silence*

God, we confess that we have often placed our hope in  
people and things that can't fulfill our every need.  
We have searched for peace in shallow places.  
We have mistaken joy for temporal pleasure and artificial exhilaration.  
We have put limits on the ways we love,  
excluding those who need our loving kindness the most.

God, when we have lost our way, show us yours.  
Guide us to the hope in you that will renew our strength.  
Lead us to your peace that transcends all understanding.  
Fill us with a joy we can only experience in your presence.  
Remind us that you have always loved us with an everlasting love,  
so that we may share that love with others. Amen.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In this season of desolation and uncertainty, it is good to know that  
God's love for us is sure—that God's commitment to us is definite—that  
God is guiding us as the compassionate companions that  
we are called to be for each other.  
Let us live into this gift.  
Amen.

**RESPONSE HYMN:**                    **#92**                    *“While We Are Waiting Come” (Vs. 2)*

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you!    **And Also, with you!**  
Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, **our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit  
prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word,  
so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Reading #1.....Isaiah 35: 1-10  
Reading #2.....James 5: 7-10  
Gospel Reading.....Matthew 11: 2-11

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

### **MESSAGE**

*Trey Everett*

### **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION HYMN: #132** *“Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (Vs. 1&2)*

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (forgive us our “sins”)

**BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #100 *“My Soul Cries Out” (Vs. 1,2,4)*

**BENEDICTION**

Advent people, go now in the blessing of God’s joy, confident that the day we await is close at hand and ready to cooperate with God in building the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

**DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *(Please stay seated and enjoy the music from our talented musicians)*

*Have a Blessed.....*



December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Sunday- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:45 am

Worship

11:45 am

Coffee Fellowship

Message.....Trey Everett

Ushers & Greeters.....Bill & Gloria Watro

Pianist.....George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Marsha Odom

Wednesday- December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:00pm – Bell Choir

Thursday- December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00pm - Book Study at Trinity Lutheran in Library

Next Sunday- December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

10:45 am

Worship

11:45 am

Coffee Fellowship

Message.....Ryan Ferwerda

Ushers & Greeters.....Wally & JoAnn Hoselton

Pianist.....Hazel Mendez


Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Sandy Perkins



# Christmas Poinsettias

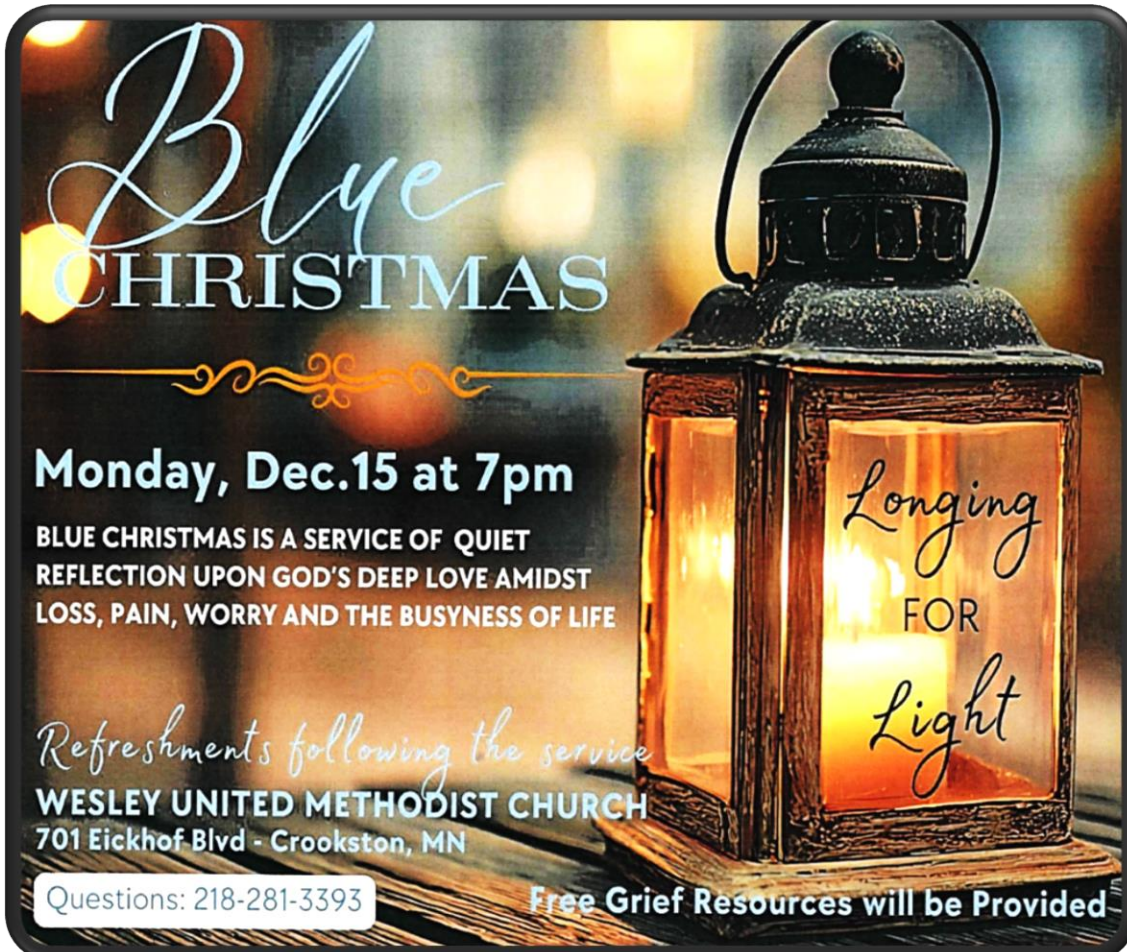

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If you wish to order a poinsettia for part of our church floral display during the Christmas season, please fill in the order form below. Orders must be sent to the church office no later than Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The price of each plant is \$10.00

Please place check or cash with your order...thank you!

*(Checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church)*



**Blue**  
**CHRISTMAS**

**Monday, Dec.15 at 7pm**

BLUE CHRISTMAS IS A SERVICE OF QUIET REFLECTION UPON GOD'S DEEP LOVE AMIDST LOSS, PAIN, WORRY AND THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE

*Refreshments following the service*

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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# ADVENT

**Advent**  
**Angels**  
**Blessings**  
**Candle**  
**Carols**  
**Celebrate**  
**Christmas**  
**Countdown**  
**Decorations**  
**Emmanuel**  
**Faith**  
**Family**  
**Gifts**  
**Hope**  
**Jesus**  
**Joy**  
**Light**  
**Love**  
**Manger**  
**Nativity**  
**Peace**  
**Prayer**

WORD SEARCH : LOCATE THE VOCABULARY LISTED BELOW  
IN THE GRID, SEARCHING IN ALL DIRECTIONS, INCLUDING BACKWARDS.




**Prepare**  
**Prophecy**  
**Rejoice**  
**Shepherds**  
**Spirit**  
**Stories**  
**Traditions**  
**Wreath**







# *December Birthdays*



Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Craig Morgan  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - Barb Weiler  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Doris Davis  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Jason Brantner  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - JoAnn Westburg  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Brianna Hall  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lynne Mullins  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Natalie Koch  
Dec 27<sup>th</sup> - Adam Hoerner  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup> - Donna Hudson

