

Welcome to all who have joined us for worship today!
Please join us for fellowship time right after worship.

Order of Worship December 3, 2023

**Please rise in body or spirit*

- Call to Worship
- Silent Prayer
- *God's Greeting
- *Opening Hymn LUYH #61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (1-4)
- God's Will: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
- Hymn of Response LUYH # 551 All Creatures of Our God and King (1, 2, 3, 6)
- Children's Message
- Congregation Prayer
- Offertory Prayer
- General Offering & Special Offering: Ackley Youth Center
- *Doxology
- Scripture & Sermon: Psalm 103 "Praise the Lord, O My Soul"
- *Hymn LUYH # 575 Praise to Lord, the Almighty
- *Benediction
- *Doxology LUYH # 358 Give Thanks

Today

Nursery: Melanie
God's Will: Dan K.
Greeters: Rosi Voss
Offering: Ackley Youth Center

Next Sunday

Nursery: Liz
God's Will: Janna
Greeters: Dan and Kim
Offering: Back To Ministry International

Notice: Adult and children Sunday School classes will be at 11:00.

THIS WEEK:180: The High School group 180 meets Sunday 6 - 8 pm at the Student Connection building . **Early Herd:** 3:30-5:30. **Herd:** 6:00-8:00.

AWANA: Wednesday at 6:15

The Council will be meeting this afternoon. Please speak to an elder, deacon, or Pastor Stewart if you have any concerns or input for the care and shepherding of our congregation.

Men's Bible Study will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Thursday the 7th of this week. Please join us if you are available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Party:** Sign Up **TODAY** for the Church Christmas Party, which is next Saturday, Dec 9th at the Peppercorn Pantry in Aplington at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to this night planned with a Special Guest for our music entertainment, a meal consisting of chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans and choice of dessert. Total costs is \$15.00 per person including gratuity. There is an option of a kid's meal, please note that on the sign-up sheet. We'd love to have you join us. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board.
- **Special Christmas time services** will be as follows: Children's Program on Sunday the 17th at 6:00pm, Christmas Eve candlelight service on Sunday the 24th at 6:00pm, and Christmas Day worship service on the 25th at 9:30am.
- **Congregational meeting** will be December 10th immediately after the worship service. We will be selecting next year's office bearers and reviewing the budget. Please speak to a member of council if you have any additional items you would like on the agenda for discussion at that time.
- **Austinville Historical Society** invites you to their Christmas Open House Tuesday, December 5 from 9:00 to 10:30 am. at the Historical Society building. Enjoy some Christmas goodies and greet your Austinville friends with some Holiday cheer!
- **Please add** Eleanor deJong to your December calendar as she will be celebrating her first birthday on the 27th
- **Christmas Program Practice** will begin next week on December 10 at approximately 11:00 following the Congregational Meeting. Parts for the kids will be handed out today. The program will be at 6:00 on Sunday evening, Dec. 17. We will also practice at 11:00 on the morning of the 17th.
- **The Choir** will be singing at the Christmas Program on the 17th. We will practice today after Sunday School. We need singers!
- **Candidates** for elder that council agreed to put before the congregation are Hollis Janssen and Dan Karsjens. The candidates council has agreed to put before the congregation are Ryan Abbas and Kirk Abkes. Please speak to an elder, Pastor Stewart, or one of the deacons if you have any comment regarding these gentlemen.
- **Thank you:** Luke and I wanted to thank everyone who was able to make it to the bridal shower and sent gifts for us! We are so blessed to be surrounded by so much support and can't wait to start building our life together! Nicole

More announcements continued on insert.

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- Prayers for Derek Wiers (Rick and Melanie's son-in-law) with his recovery from a stroke and issues with insurance, and successful heart surgery.
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