

Sunday, December 24, 2023
ORDER OF WORSHIP 7:00 PM

Mr. Timothy Flynn * Pastor

Carolyn Lansing * Organist & Choir Director

(*People Stand If Able)

Please mute your cell phones

PRELUDE (*Time for quiet reflection & meditation*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Sing Noel!

COME, LET US WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP The Night Before...

SENTENCES Psalm 97:9-12

(with Congregational Response)

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

SALUTATION Isaiah 62:10-12

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."..... Grace Mercy

and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn # 145 "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"**

Responsive Reading: Luke 2:1-14

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

Solo – Brian Bailey

***HYMN # 144 “How Great our Joy”**

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

***DOXOLOGY #625 (found in the back of the hymnal)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Advent Candles

***HYMN# 162 “The Birthday of a King”**

THE WORD OF GOD

Choir - If Today Were His Birth

Meditation: “Am I Doing My Part?”

***HYMN # 147/125 “Silent Night/Joy to the World”**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

AMITY REFORMED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

“Our mission is to grow into the people God created us to be in Jesus Christ through Worship, Service and Fellowship within our congregation and our community.”

TODAY AT AMITY

Today's Greeter:

Pieter Lansing

Pastor Tim is available for pastoral calls. You can contact him at (518) 334-0408.

Monthly Mission:

RCA, General Humanitarian Problems

“Feed One”

Make a gift to Feed One to help address hunger and support sustainable agriculture worldwide.

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This Week's Prayer List

(Please have prayer requests sent to the office no later than Thursday to be added to the list)

Jim Lee, Ginny Shippey, Pam Howard, Mike & Kathy Whitehead, Doug Gould, Johnny Cranfield, Miss Millie, Joe & Donna Flynn, Tristian's recovery, The Sauter Family, Georgia Beatty, Zoey Lansing, Unspoken, World Unrest, Our Military & 1st Responders