

PRAYERS

A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ancient of Days, with joy you danced over the waters and birthed creation. Give us joy in caring for the soil beneath us, the water around us, and the sky above us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and wellbeing for all people and creation. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Good Shepherd, you feed your flock. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Comfort the lonely. Heal the sick. Send us in haste to surround them with your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Love Incarnate, you are with us at the manger, on the cross, and on the resurrection road. Walk with all who live with depression, grief, or heartache in this season. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ever-living God, you are Alpha and Omega. We thank you for all who sing now in the heavenly choir, especially those dear to us. Join our voices with theirs in praise of the Christ child. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

* **LORD'S PRAYER** 🎵 (please stand as you are able)

**God our Father, God of fame, hallow'd be your saving name;
Ev'rywhere your kingdom come, far away and here at home;
May we to your will comply as the angels do on high;
Grant each day our daily bread, thankful that by you we're fed,
Thankful that our care you've planned; all we have is from your hand.**

**Grant that we, our sins forgiv'n, follow in the way of heav'n:
May we, even at our worst, show forgiveness shown us first.
Guard us from the tempting devil, and deliver us from evil.
Yours the kingdom, so sing we, pow'r and glory ever be.
Unto you while ages run, yea, amen! So be it done!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON -Laura Ellis-Kruse

"LEAD ME BACK TO BETHLEHEM"

Narration 1

Come, Emmanuel! -Choir

Narration 2

Mary's Story -Karri Ashbaugh and Tom Jenny

Narration 3

Bethlehemtown -Choir

Narration 4

Angelic Gloria -Choir Ladies and Bells

Narration 5

Mary, Did you Know? -Choir

Narration 6

Frankincense, Myrrh, and Gold -Ryan Kruse and Seth Tonjes

Narration 7

Can You Hear Those Christmas Bells? -Choir and Bells

Narration 8

Jesus, Wonderful Child -Choir, Joleen Brubaker -Soloist

Narration 9

Adeste Fidelis -Bell Choir

Refreshments will be served in the overflow.

Thanks to all participants for your dedication and hard work that allows musical worship to happen here at Emanuel!



Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary, Gretchen & Sam Wesche in loving memory of Greg Wesche & Orville Daman.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Sheila Sosebee, Alexander Vajen, Melissa Wiechers, Joleen Brubaker, Gregory Hall, Macy Nutter, Meghan Skeens, Victoria Peper, Donna Meyers. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Dennis & Deb Clausen, Terry & Diana Lacy, Steve & Phyllis Kloos. **and for all the military...**

Christmas Dinner

There will again be a free community Christmas Day dinner here at Emanuel at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day. Sponsored and served by Cheryl Kerwin, everyone is welcome to come and eat, and anyone is welcome to come and help!

Statistics

12/16 (235)

Simply Giving 12/14 - 12/17 : \$490 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

This Week

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| Monday | 5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 12:30 p.m. Community Christmas Day dinner here |
| Wednesday | 5:00 p.m. Soul Food NO Catechism |

Serving Today

Narrators - Derek and Kristie Miller
 Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
 Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
 Lay Assistant - Laura Ellis-Kruse
 Sound Board - Jeff Sharpe
 Acolytes - Preston Speaks & Ashton Delaney
 Ushers - Dave Schwab, Alan Storch, Lenny Sonnenberg, Chris Peper
 Altar Guild - Maxine Eickhoff & Phyllis Kloos
 Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or
 phyllis_kloos@yahoo.com

Annual Reports

All committees and boards are asked to have their annual reports in to the church office by December 31! Thank you!

Devotionals

Portals of Prayer and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Have you picked up your offering envelopes? They are located in the hallway outside the church office.

Poinsettias

Thanks to all who purchased the beautiful poinsettias this year! Please take your plant home after worship on Christmas Day. ***PLEASE be sure to take the correct plant — labels with names are attached to each plant.***

Volunteers needed

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Betty Mowery or Ronnie Rohrs to volunteer. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Activity Bags

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as “it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it.”

Worship Schedule

Please take note of these special services!

Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 30

9:00 a.m. Worship

