

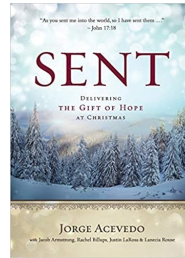
Our Church Family Prayer List

Bill Wolf, Savina Krueger, John Krueger, Gloria Kurbanali, Jim Wright, Gene Rice, Adrian Roche, Louise Timchak, Sidoney Johnston, Diane Cremonini, Richard McLemore, Mary Rose Binski, Lorraine O'Keefe, Melvin Keller, Ann Biski, Ray Slater, Hoerl Family, Cheri Perry, Michael Garofola, Jim Smith, Ken Rankin, Keven Russell, Louise Slater, Victory Fellowship Church, Norma Jean Linck, Travis Opsahl, Joe Beaudreau, Zander Jones

Advent Bible Study with Pastor John Wednesdays Noon and 6:30 p.m.

It's not too late to join the Advent Bible Study!

Become the hands and feet of Christ this Christmas. "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them." —John 17:18. God sent Christ at Christmas. In turn, Christ sends us into the world to be His hands and feet, head and heart. Books are available in the church office, a donation of \$15 is appreciated but not necessary.



Pilgrim Church Calendar

Sunday, December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent

Poinsettia Orders Due
9:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Time
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday, December 13

Santas for Seniors Collection Ends
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
4:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Missions Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA—Women
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop Meeting

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. BSA Den Meeting

Wednesday, December 15

January Newsletter Articles Due
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
12:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 16

10:00 a.m. OA Meeting
10:30 a.m. PBJ Sandwich Makers
6:00 p.m. BSA Committee Meeting

Friday, December 17

4:30 p.m. Serving at The Homeless Coalition

Sunday, December 19 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Time
Christmas Cantata "The Birth of a King"
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling

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SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Eve Worship Friday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting Sunday, January 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

In Person Attendance

Last Week

9:00 a.m. - 92

Offering Last Week

\$5,791

Served in Food Pantry

Last Week

127 Adults

57 Children

53 Families

Rev. John Barnette, Senior Pastor
Rev. Ken Ewing, Associate Pastor
Katy Yoder, Music Director
Jessica Warne, Sunday Children's Director
Cheryl Huber, Organist
Russ Whittaker, Handbell Director



Sunday, December 12, 2021 The Third Sunday in Advent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Prelude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Wesley

Opening Words Philippians 4:4-7
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***Call to Worship** "We Come, O Christ, to You" screen

*Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle
It's a reunion, every time we go home, every time we embrace those we love, no matter how long it has been. It feels like sunrise, like the clouds are parting and the rain has ended. It is joy, nothing less than pure joy to grab hold of those who are home for us, who make home for us. Whether we wake up to them every day, or travel many miles to see them again, it is joy to go home.

The prophet Zephaniah tells us to rejoice at the thought of going home. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then to live like that was our truth even now, even here. It is joy to go home.

John the Baptist reminds us, however, that it takes choices to live in this joy. It doesn't just happen; we choose to make life a joy by how we love others, by how we serve and give and care for others, by how we do the job we do and how we impact the world around us. We build joy as we build a home in this world and the next.

We light these candles, the candle of hope, and of peace, and of joy, as a sign that we are on our way home, and we walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. It is time to go home.

Children's Moment

***Hymn** "O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #123

Blessing of Tithes and Gifts

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:2-6

Choir Anthem "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" Tomlin

New Testament Scripture Reading Luke 3:7-18

***Contemporary Hymn** "Christmas Offering" screen

Sermon "Time to Make a Change" Pastor John

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People and The 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.

Special Music Bud Trayner
"Mary Did You Know / The Joseph Song"

***Hymn** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #133

*Benediction

Postlude "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Franzen

*Please rise in body or spirit.