

*Welcome to Bayfield Presbyterian Church! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will feel at home with us.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **A TIME FOR REFLECTION**

**INTROIT** “My Lord, What a Morning” arr. Kochanek Rittenhouse Singers

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## **THE GATHERING**

### **GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND FELLOWSHIP**

#### **\*OPENING SENTENCES**

Look! The young woman is with child; **she will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.**

#### **\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; **like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.**

**\*WREATH LIGHTING HYMN** “People, Look East” #105, v. 1-3

#### **\*PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Before God and one another, let us proclaim the mission of our congregation.

**Our mission is to glorify God by being a welcoming harbor for all people and a lighthouse guiding all toward the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

**God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA** “Sing Out, My Soul” #646

**SONGS OF WAITING AND JOY** Rittenhouse Singers

“We Wait” by Schram

“Gaudete!” from Piae Conationes, 1582, arr. Burrows

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

*Silent Confession*

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**We are forgiven. I am forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*PEACE** “We Are Forgiven” #447 (Sing twice)

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM** “Lo, How a Rose is Growing” Rittenhouse Singers

## **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

**PSALTER:** Cantic of Mary (Luke 1:46b-55) See pink insert

**SECOND READING:**     Philippians 4:4-7

Repent and return to God; the realm of heaven is at hand. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING:**     Luke 1:39-45

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**     “Unpacking the Nativity: Mary”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Brief Statement of Faith: Jesus Christ (¶ 1, 2, 5, 6) p. 37

**\*HYMN**     “Canticle of the Turning”     # 100

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

...God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” by Althouse, Rittenhouse Singers

**\*DOXOLOGY**     #607

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**     See pink insert

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**     p. 35

**THE SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**     “What Child Is This” # 145

**\*CHARGE**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** “Veni, Veni Emmanuel” by Trotta, Rittenhouse Singers

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**THANK YOU:** Rev. Lawrence Lee, Worship Leader; Tom Denker, Organist; Rittenhouse Singers and Jerry Phillips, Choir Director; Marty Cole, Lay Reader; Fellowship Committee

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THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS **JANUARY 20TH**.  
PLEASE PUT NON-PERISHABLE FOOD IN THE BIN IN THE NARTHEX FOR DELIVERY TO THE BAYFIELD FOOD PANTRY.

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

Today: 11:00 Fellowship  
Sunday: 9:00 Sunday School  
9:15 Choir

\*\*\*\*ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY WAS 50\*\*\*\*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please continue to pray for the following members and friends of our church family: Jan Kappes, Connie Nichols, Jeanne Brevold, Jeff Carlson, Ed Flitz, Grant Stegma, Arlene Brady, Amanda Haskins, Betty Starkey, Judy Faragher, Tim Smith, Austin Faust, Mary Ellen Tippet, Lu Eckels, Mary Helen Bergschneider, Miriam Hof, Mary McCord, Beth Charette, Delphina Souza, Christian Andersen, Libby Telford, Kate Weber-Smith, Bernice Nixon, Taylor Brooks, Shari Johnson, Shirley Bodin, Bill Andresen.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Marilyn Nourse - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ed Olson - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Marilyn Winterer - 22<sup>nd</sup>

If you want to chat with me I'm having my **Coffee Hours** this Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Manypenny Bistro. Stop by and have a cup of coffee with me.

~Pastor Lawrence

“God the Father gathered all the waters together and called them seas...He gathered all his graces together and called them Mary.” ~St. Louis de Montfort”