

December 8, 2024

COME, BE FED, BE SENT  
Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER**

Michelle Drexler Retirement

Advent Wreath Lighting

Wes Van Fleet, Sophia Nelson

**GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING WORSHIP**

*Hymn #102*

*Savior of the Nations Come, vs 1*

Candle Lighting - Wes VanFleet & Sofia Nelson

*Savior of the Nations Come, vs 2-3*

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

*Hymn #113*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess that we have tried to make our own way. We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses, to kindle our own faith. We have said a thousand times, "turn back," as if we are fine on our own. But the days are long and we are forgetful of who you created us to be. We need your help. Can you remind us? Forgive us Lord.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Choral Anthem  
Children's Message  
Scripture  
Message

*Rise, O People, and Bring Good News*

Waiting and Watching

Luke 1:39-56; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

We Can't Go Alone

Rev. Dr. Chris Montovino

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer  
Offering/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication  
Special Music

*I Will Be Here*, Stephen Curtis Chapman

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

Closing Song *Hymn #133*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Michelle Drexler's Retirement Party**

Join us after the service today as we celebrate Michelle Drexler's retirement and honor her 22 plus years of service as Cascades' office administrator and treasurer! We are so grateful for all Michelle has done for us over the years and are inviting everyone to stay for a tea luncheon following worship in the fellowship hall. Bring your stories and roasts and we'll have a grand ole time!

**Longest Night Service at Christmastime**

December 11, 2024, 6:00-7:00pm

Join us Wednesday evening as we are led through simple liturgy that acknowledges our pain and sorrow this Christmas while also giving us hope that Jesus will meet us right where we are.

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

December 14. Mark your calendar. Plan to come and bring something to share for breakfast.

**Change in Church Office Hours**

Church office hours are 9:00am—1:00pm Monday thru Thursday.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24 at 7:00pm. Join us as we celebrate our Lord's birth.

**Giving Hands Ministry**

Thursdays 1:30pm-4pm

Quilters and yarn crafters. No experience necessary. Contact Mary Oswalt or Kay Gibson for more info.

**Bowling Fellowship**

Mondays & Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Meet at Allen Crosley Lanes.

Contact Bill Gibson for more info.

Our new Advent candle stand was created by The Friends of the Carpenter, a friendship and woodworking day shelter for our houseless friends. We are grateful for their artistry and creativity.

**Deacon of the Month:** Joan Detrick

The prayer quilt in the back is for Ruvim and Tanya Chernomor, members of the Ukrainian congregation that worships in our building. Their daughter Maria recently died unexpectedly.

