

Worship Assistants

	<u><i>This Week</i></u>	<u><i>Next Week</i></u>
Assisting Minister	Sarah Lonsdorf	Kathy Robinson
Coffee Hour	_____	Stephen's Angels
Communion Asst.	Darrin Koehler Sarah Lonsdorf	Randy & Kari Van Natta
Lector	Sarah Lonsdorf	Kathy Robinson
Organist/Pianist	Phil Giese	Beth Lind
Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Karoline Schwantes	Pastor Karoline Schwantes
Projection	Jeff Blomquist	Jeff Blomquist
Special Music	_____	_____
Usher	Darrin Koehler	Lloyd Zimmel
Video	Jeff Blomquist	Jeff Blomquist

Staff

Pastor	Karoline Schwantes
Administrative Assistant	Nancy Henke
Assistant Treasurer	Bill Dunker
Worship Service Custodian	Dave Skola
Worship Service Custodian	Mary Beth Tolley
Cleaning Custodian	Michelle Pregont
Maintenance Custodian	Cecil Wold

Music Staff

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The First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2022

Welcome to worship in Jesus's name! We hope that you will hear a word of encouragement during this service which will convey the fullness of God's love for you.

The Prelude

RINGING of the BELLS

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN**

Processional Hymn: *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* #557

Announcement of **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

PASTOR: Holy are you, God of power and glory; you promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people.

As we light this candle, open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come and save us.

CONGREGATION: Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen.

Hymn: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* #240 (verse 1)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

NOVEMBER 2022 MEMORIALS

In loving memory of David Hardinger
Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund -- \$370
Family & Friends

Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund

In loving memory of my Husband, Dick Lind –
Beth Lind

Current Expenses

In memory of loved ones –
Charles & Joyce Fromfeld

In loving memory of my Husband, Jerry Preller –
Kay Preller

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

Sunday, November 27th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Worship Telecast on Channel 980 AA
First Sunday of Advent		
Monday, November 28th	3:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Telecast on Channel 980 Bell Choir Dartball
Tuesday, November 29th	10:00 am 10:30 pm	Worship Telecast on Channel 980 Worship Telecast on Channel 980
Wednesday, November 30th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Combined Choir Practice
Thursday, December 1st	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Quilting Al-Anon
Saturday, December 3rd	9:00 am—12:00 pm 1:00 pm—5:00 pm	Stephen's Angels Saturday "Crafternoon"
Sunday, December 4th	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship/Blessing of the Blankets Worship Telecast on Channel 980 AA
Second Sunday of Advent		

St. Stephen Weekly

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2022

We are looking for an additional Sunday Custodian, 2 to 3 hours per Sunday. Duties include: opening up the church, lighting candles, turning on lights, and turning on and monitoring the sound board. And at the end of the service: turning off the equipment, extinguishing candles, turning off lights, and insuring all doors are locked up. This would be once every 2 to 3 weeks part time. In addition, if available, would be able to do that same process for funerals or special services on other days of the week.

If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour (or just bringing in treats) there is a sign-up sheet is on the table in the lounge.

Step up for St. Stephen! As we enter a new chapter in our church's history, please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our family's leadership team. The 2023 Council is looking for candidates for the following positions: Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, Good Stewards Elder, Property Elder, Members-at-large, and 2 Trust Fund Committee members. If you have any questions about the positions, how the process works, the time commitment involved, or wish to become part of the leadership team, contact Lloyd Zimmel or any Council member. Thank you for your consideration.

The Coats for Kids Drive has started at St. Stephen. If you have any gently worn coats or other winter apparel such as: hats, mittens, snow pants, scarves, etc. that you do not need, please consider donating them to the Coats for Kids Drive. All sizes of clothing are needed. Bring your winter apparel to church and place your donations on the designated table in the chapel. Committee members will transport items to Coats for Kids collection centers. This drive will continue through the first week of December. Thank you for your consideration.

It's nearly time for St. Stephen to host the November Community Dinner! St. Stephen will be hosting a Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 27th. We are once again asking members to consider baking or purchasing cookies to donate to this event. Last April, the cookies that were donated were amazingly delicious and greatly appreciated by our guests. Thank you all again for your time, talent, and generosity in supporting this very worthwhile event.

SATURDAY "CRAFTERNOON"—Join Pastor Karoline for an afternoon of crafting on Saturday, December 3rd from 1pm to 5pm. Bring whatever craft you're working on, whether it's card making, scrapbooking, crocheting, knitting, or even addressing your Christmas cards! We'll meet in the Conference Room.

CHORAL SERVICE—On Sunday, December 11th, the Combined Choirs of Pilgrim and St. Stephen, as well as the Bell Choir, will be leading us in a musical Advent Worship Service. Join us at 9am as we anticipate Christ's coming through a special Choral Service. Cookies and treats will follow. This will be televised and livestreamed on Facebook.

KYRIE (sung to the tune of "Silent Night")

Ky - ri - e (e)le - i - son. Chri - ste
(e)lei - i - son. Lord have mer - cy on us.
Christ have mer - cy on us. Lord have mer - cy on
us. Christ have mer - cy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation is SEATED

FIRST LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 550)

Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM (read responsively) (Pew Bible pg. 498)

Psalms 122

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 923)

Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand)

Hymnal pg. 124

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 806)

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Pastor Karoline Schwantes

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN of the DAY**

Hymn of the Day: *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

#657

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

The Assisting Minister ends each petition with, "God, in your mercy,"
the congregational response is, "**hear our prayer.**"

PEACE is shared

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

#686 (verse 1)

OFFERING PRAYER

SUNG WORDS OF INSTITUTION (to the tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

The God of grace be here with you.
The God of grace be also with you.

Lift up your hearts in thanks and praise.
**Our hearts and hopes to God we raise.
Rejoice! Rejoice! For holy is the Lord,
On earth and in the heav'nly heights adored.**

When Jesus sat at table with his friends,
He took the bread, and blessing it, he said:
"This is my body, offered for you;
Take, eat, this meal of grace and truth."
**Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this living bread,
And seek a day when all shall be fed.**

When supper ended, Jesus took the cup.
He blessed it and he raised it up.
"This cup is life poured out for you.
My promise to make all things new."
**Rejoice! Rejoice! We share the cup of peace
With those who thirst for justice and release.**

O Spirit, fire of hope sent from above
Unite us in salvation and love.
Bless these, your gifts of bread and wine
And fill us with your joy divine.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! We share this meal
And bless our God, who feeds and heals.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn during Communion: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

#244

(Eucharistic Ministers may come forward for a communion kit at this time.)

BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Please **STAND** for the **HYMN**

Hymn: *My Lord, What a Morning*

#438

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

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