

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome / †Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Advent Wreath Lighting

Marshall Family - Dede and Leo

† Hymn #128 (vs. 1):

One Candle is Lit

Call to Worship

Tom Welch

Hearing God's Word

Baptism:

Madeline Gail Opdahl daughter of

Hilary and Ryan Opdahl

Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

Tom Welch

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation:

Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep -

Irving Berlin

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

O Come, O Come Immanuel

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Christmas Calling - Norah Jones

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Blessing

Charlotte Wadhams

Postlude:

Watersign - Jeff Lorber

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

† Indicates those places where those who are able
are invited to stand.



November 27, 2022

Light in a Dark Place:

The Candle of Hope: God's People

God's Other Name is Surprise

Who We Are:

We are an inclusive, open and affirming family of faith,
welcoming all to God's table of love and acceptance.

We are diverse, yet united by Christ's example.

We care for one another, support one another and
challenge one another to become all that God creates us to be.

We work together to nurture our community and
to promote peace, equality and justice in our conflicted world.

Julia Olynyk, vocalist - Matt Wallace, sax

Rick Avard, piano - Carlos Figueroa, drums

Steve Gomez, bass

What Is Stephen Ministry?

You may have heard the words "Stephen Ministry" or heard someone say they are a "Stephen Minister", but what does that exactly mean?? Stephen Ministry is a national, peer-based, compassionate and confidential outreach program. Members of Countryside are trained to provide Christian caregiving to adults experiencing grief, loneliness or crisis in their life. The program has been at Countryside for over 30 years and remains a vital dimension of our church's pastoral care.

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 a.m. in the Ruth room, we are having a Greet and Meet Kickoff and invite active ministers and people interested in the ministry to join us. We will be exploring our current program and discussing the next steps for our ministry. If you have questions, please contact Jodie Nichols, jodiell1@cox.net. Look forward to seeing you on December 11!

Joys and Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list every week on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, or a joy you would like to share, or if you would like to be included on the list in the bulletin or be on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact the Office at 402-391-0350 or office@countrysideucc.org

JOYS:

We rejoice with **Glenn Phillips** who is home and doing well after prostate surgery last week. His pathologist said he is cancer free.

Seeing **Nancy Davis** in church on Sunday with her new knee was great. She was looking chipper and getting around really well with the help of her husband Bob. She still has shoulder surgery to look forward to.

Cynthia Pavey, **Norm Pavey's** sister, is doing better every day in rehab. She hopes to return home next week.

CONCERNS:

Please pray for **Pat Walstrom** who is currently at Nye Legacy Nursing facility in Fremont after a recent fall. Her physicians do not know what is causing the significant pain she is experiencing. God, please give Pat's doctors wisdom in understanding the cause of the pain. Pat is grateful for all the prayers for her recovery.

Marie Otis asks for prayers for her daughter, Grace. She has had many medical challenges lately and surgery on Monday, November 21. Please pray for Grace, Marie and the Otis family as they lovingly walk her through these challenges.

Please pray for **Autumn Cox**, who is scheduled for melanoma surgery on December 8. We ask for prayers for her family, her surgeon and healing for Autumn.

Continued prayers please for **Geoff Amstutz**, as he continues to suffer from severe muscle fatigue. He has had a muscle biopsy and is currently discussing the treatment plan with his Doctor.

Prayers for **Pam Govier**, who recently had a terrible fall in her bathroom and was seriously injured. She has had surgery on her neck to relieve a blood clot and there may be permanent paralysis. She is in a neck brace, and hand brace and has trouble feeding herself. With her limited mobility, she is not answering her phone or responding to emails but would love to receive cards. For now, her address is:

CHI-Immanuel Rehab Institute, Room # 7

6901 N. 72 St

Omaha, NE 68122

Tom Scates and Ann Huxtable -Scates's daughter, Kaitlan had surgery yesterday and had some issues coming out from anesthesia. Went home and then had to go to the ER late last night due to extreme pain. Tom and Ann have been taking care of the two grandkids (1 and 6) for the last 2 weeks. Please continue to keep Kaitlan in your prayers.

Please pray for our country as we grieve the loss of life with the recent mass shootings. May God comfort those who have lost family and friends.

Continue to uplift in prayer members of our congregation who are recovering from various health concerns:

Karen Fenne, Dan Rishel, Dee Schlautman, Greg (Johnna) Roberts, Greg Witte and others.

God, we ask you to minister to each of these in our community. May they experience your healing power.

Grant them strength as they continue to recover.

2022 Contribution Deadline

Please remember to submit your final contributions for 2022 to the church before the end of the year. The IRS looks closely at charitable giving, and we want you to understand that in order for your contribution to be deductible in 2022, your contribution must be postmarked or physically received at the church office by December 31, 2022. Please note that your check date alone will not control which year your contribution applies to.

The Nursery and Coffee House are available if your small human needs to burn off some energy during the Worship. For other small humans, there are Worship bags and books available. If you have a book suggestion, just let us know!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by the Wadhams family.

"In memory of our son Daniel. He would have turned eight years old this week."