

A Celebration of Life



Lights of Love

Celebration Community Church has been designated the Beneficiary of the Lights of Love. There is no better way to celebrate love for one another than with Lights of Love on **Sunday, December 2 at Club Reflection**. It will be an uplifting time for our entire community. Please join us at Club Reflection if you can. Buffet at 5 pm, 6 pm Celebration.

Several people have asked if Rev. West would occasionally serve communion from the Chapel side of the church. We will be alternating sided of the Sanctuary for communion each week in December. On her last Sunday as Pastor, December 30, she will be servicing communion in the Fireside Room from 9 am until 10:15 am.

Poinsettias!
 Christmas is a special time of year. It is a time to remember the people who have made a difference in our lives, whether they are living or transitioned onward. If you would like to order a poinsettia, please write **"FLOWER"** and your phone number in the Redbook as it is passed and we'll be calling you for details. Look for a beautiful listing of all those shining souls on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias cost \$10 each.

Cantata Radio Play
 Be sure to mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 16th** for our *1940's Radio Play*. It will be held at 4 pm and at 7 pm. We would love for you to join us on this memorable day.



Processing the Advent Candle of Hope this morning will be Pam Whites, the Business Administrator since 2004. Pam has been a key figure here at Celebration and a valuable asset to Rev. West's ministry.

Christmas Eve at Celebration
 Join us on **Monday, December 24th** for our Christmas Eve service. There will be two identical services - one at 9pm, the other at 11pm. Help us welcome the Christ Child into the world.

Please remember these people in your prayers:
 Trudy Hataway, Ruth Matthews, Pat Davis,
 Glenda Gardner, Di Sharp, Bob Robida,
 Pulpit Search Committee

This Week at Celebration:
Monday, December 3
 7:00 pm Instrumentalist Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 5
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 2
 9:45 am *Biscuits & Bible Study*
 11:00 am Worship
 Nursery & Youth
 Sunday School

Celebration Community Church Honors Carol & Angela
 Bring in the New Year on **Monday, December 31st** while honoring Carol & Angela. Please join us at Celebration beginning at 7 pm until midnight. There will be snacks & dancing. BYOB. More details to follow; please write **"C&A"** in the redbook if you plan to attend.

Worship Leaders @ CCC
Rev. Carol West, Pastor
 Rick S. Gates, Minister of Music
 Kee Sourjohn, Organist
 Shoshana Cook, Pianist
 Blaine Cook, Drums
 Gary Cunningham, Director of Media
 Hollis Sellman Sound Technician

Sunday at Celebration



Celebration Community Church

First Sunday of Advent
 December 2, 2018
 11 am



In this the first week of Advent, we are reminded of our desperate need for a God to restore and save. Mark, the gospel writer whose message is famous for immediacy, warns us to keep alert, and to stay awake.

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Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us begin the search for God in our midst this Advent.

All: We seek the signs of God's coming so that we may prepare a path.

One: As we travel through this season we choose to let go of the burdens of this world.

All: The expectations of others will not weigh us down or overwhelm us.

One: We choose to be full of joy and wonder and the possibilities ahead.

All: It is the Star that will guide our footsteps in the weeks to come.

One: We will follow the thread of longing, in the words and music before us.

All: Advent awaits us. Let us place our feet on the road and begin the journey together.

*Processional Hymn #125

Come, O Long Expected Jesus
(St. 1, 2)

Wesley/Prichard

Welcome & Announcements

Meet With Me

Hiebert

Invocation

The Lighting Of The Candle Of Hope

As this season of Advent unfolds around us, the glimmering promises of hope lie like boxed jewels awaiting an adoring light. May we hold fast to hope's patient possibilities. May we lift them high that they might catch the light of our dreams and shine bright in our broken world.

And may we instill hope's challenge in the hearts of our children that they, too, will live it into meaning—pouring their lives, as we do ours, into making it real—for themselves, for each other, for the world. May Hope light the world this Christmas.

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One Candle Is Lit

Parrott/Kirkpatrick

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses the light.
Salvation draw near us, our vision engage,
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

Prayer Hymn #134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

McGee

Pastoral Prayer

A Christmas Memory

Angela King

Choral Anthem

Agnus Dei / Come Let Us Adore

*Scripture Reading

Modern Reading

Sermon

Reverend Carol West

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

O Come, O Come, Emanuel
Kee Sourjohn, Soloist

Offertory Response# 155

Angels We Have Heard On High

Communion

(Communion is a sacred time. During this time of communion, you are welcome to join us in prayer, in silence, or quietly singing these songs.)

Communion Hymns

124 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

144 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Closing Hymn # 119

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Benediction

*Please rise as you are able.