

Announcements for December 10, 2017

For: Rev. Escandell

Please join us for our **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION** in the Parlor immediately following today's Worship Service as we honor all birthdays and wedding anniversaries for December.

The sanctuary will be open for **MID-WEEK ADVENT PRAYER** from noon to 1 p.m. during the Thursdays of Advent Season (December 14 & 21). If you feel a need for spiritual prayer/meditation in the coming days, a quiet place is available.

Our annual **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will take place on Sunday, December 17, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. The Fellowship Ministry will provide the meat (ham, turkey, brisket, and tamales), rolls, desserts, and drinks. The congregation is asked to provide their favorite Christmas side dish. All are invited to join in the fellowship and spirit of the Christmas season!

The **2017 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available in the Narthex.

Additional Liturgy for December 10, 2017

For: Elizabeth Gearhart

Call to Confession

God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

Prayer for Illumination

It's time to hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Let us pray:

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word, which stands forever. Amen.

Psalm *Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (Inclusive Bible)*

LORD, favor your land once again
and restore the fortunes of Israel;
forgive the guilt of your people
and cover all their sins.

I will listen to what you have to say, LORD –
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for your family and your friends
so long as they don't return to their folly.
Your salvation is near for those who revere you
and your glory will dwell in our land.
Love and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Fidelity will sprout from the earth
and justice will lean down from heaven.

The LORD will give us what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
Justice will march before you, LORD,
and peace will prepare the way for your steps.

Invitation to the Offering

Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory Prayer

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.