

**Advent Travelers All Are We  
Advent 1: Hope  
December 3, 2023**

**Worship 9:30am**

**Fellowship 10:30am**

**Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am**

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, pianist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jeff Shelly, worship leader

\*HYMN VT 215

*Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee*

Bringing in the light: Dave Schrag and Adeline Penner

**WE LISTEN AND LEARN**

MOMENT OF WONDER

Advent Travelers

ANTHEM

*Sleepers, Wake!*

for text, see VT 226

St. 1 organ

St. 2-3 choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Ruth Harder

**WE ARE INVITED TO THE TABLE**

WORDS OF BLESSING AND INVITATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION VT 237

*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

Singing during Communion

Passing the bread VT 236 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

## **WE RESPOND AND SHARE**

### **SHARING JOY**

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

*As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.*

### **SHARING CONCERNS**

### **PRAYING TOGETHER**

*Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.*

### **OFFERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE**

\*HYMN VT 209

*We Dream of a Turning*

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

\*You are invited to stand

About our Advent visual: The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

## Advent Calendar

### Cross-Lines Christmas Store

**Dec. 4-9:** Christmas Store open

To volunteer sign-up here <https://volunteersignup.org/XXKDA>

The Cross-Lines Christmas Store, which has existed since 1970, provides about 350-400 Wyandotte County families with the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Each family receives a gift card for clothing or other items, toys, household items, and groceries. The hope is to provide families with joy, as well as the dignity and respect of choosing and gifting brand-new presents to their families. Rainbow has long been in charge of the food portion of the store.

**Wed., Dec. 6, 6:15 pm** Menno Nites & Bites meal hosted by Deacons

**Sat., Dec. 16, Christmas Program rehearsal** TBD

**Sun., Dec. 17**

**First Hour Worship:** Choral presentation of *Carols and Lullabies of the Southwest*, collection of Spanish carols that reminds one of, as the composer says, ". . . a Southwestern piñata party for the new baby." Accompanied by harp, guitar, marimba and vibraphone.

**Second Hour Christmas Program** presented by Rainbow children & youth

**Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**

Advent 4 worship service at 10:30 am with no second hour

Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:30 pm

**Sun., Dec. 31 New Years Eve Day**

Worship service at 10:30 am with no second hour; Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share during fellowship time

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