

December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

We're grateful for your presence today!

We believe our purpose is to love God and share Jesus Christ. We strive to be a congregation in which all feel welcomed and find opportunities to engage and grow. Wherever you are in your journey with God, we want you to know you are welcome here.

We are pleased to offer nursery care for children 0-3 years old at every service.

The Chancel flowers are given in honor of our Savior, Christ and for those celebrating a December birthday.





In Person Sunday Worship @ 9AM & 11AM 5312 Underwood Ave. Omaha, NE 68132 402-558-2330 // www.dpcomaha.org

Join in Worship, Sundays at 9 & 11AM also on Facebook.com/dpcomaha Church of the Air is broadcast on 1110 KFAB, Sundays at 8:30AM Megan's Old Office Podcast – link on Facebook and dpcomaha.org

Today, December 18 Carol Sing-A-Long

Join our DPC Care Ministry Partners at Aksarben Village Senior Living for a Carol Sing-A-Long at 1:00pm. For all ages. Bring a plate of Christmas treats to share. Enter on the independent living side, the south entrance, go to the independent living dining room.

2022 Christmas Joy Offering

And the Word became flesh and lived among us... - John 1:14

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Perfect Gift offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development, while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

Dundee Presbyterian Church will receive our 2022 Christmas Joy Offering in special purple envelopes found throughout the church on December 18, on Christmas Eve worship services, and Christmas Day's worship service.



Non-Perishables Needed for the Discipulos Food Pantry

Keeping our relationships vital with our brothers and sisters of the Discipulos Church, we are collecting non-perishables to help those that are in need this holiday season. Drop off canned goods and boxed, non-perishable items in the designated bins around the church. We will finish the drive on Sunday, December 18th. Please consider donating anything you can. Contact Keith Holmes or Susana Harrington with questions.

CHURCH OFFICES HOURS

Mon to Thurs. - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Fri. - 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

If You would like to have a church announcement in the bulletin or online please e-mail Your information to Shelly at bulletins@dpcomaha.org.

Please observe all parking and non-parking zones around the church.

*Please stand as able

Meditation – If our first birthday is celebrated, it is done by people who know more than we do. At that age, we don't have any understanding of being born, much less why it is suddenly such a special day. It is celebrated because our birth changed the lives of so many others. As the years pass, we gain a better understanding of what our birth means. Now the birthday of Jesus Christ approaches. It should be celebrated by the ones who have been most affected by His life in our world.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude Worship Band

*Song of Praise

My Soul Magnifies The Lord

Worship Band

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting The Candle of Love Liz Schaben

Conrad Leach, child of Grant and Elizabeth Leach

Refrain Worship Band

O Come O Come Emmanuel

*Song of Worship Band

Beautiful One

Song of Confession Worship Band

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Quiet and Personal Confession

Consider this Prayer of Confession:

O God, with the birth of our Lord and Savior, we are reminded that Jesus interrupted our world. He changed the trajectory of the lives of Joseph and Mary. He caused the Wisemen and the Shepherds to stop what they were doing and come to Bethlehem. Confronted with this, we confess that we are not open to Your interruption of our lives. You have called us to change our priorities, and we have heard You, but we still keep You lower than at the top of the list. You have called us to make sacrifices in honor of You, but we continue to give time and our best gifts away, without much consideration of where it is going. You call us to find our identity in You, but we prefer to go it alone. Please forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. J.D. Georlett

Passing of the Peace of Our Lord

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Moment with Children

Children age 3 to Grade 5 are dismissed to Kids Own Worship

— PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – **Anthem Worship Band** O Holy Night The Morning Prayer & the Lord's Prayer OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS TO GOD — The Calling to Christian Offering *Doxology (Hymn 808) *Prayer and Dedication of the Offering PROCLAIMING THE WORD **Old Testament Scripture** Isaiah 52:7-10 **New Testament Scripture** Matthew 1:18-25 Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. Congregation: Thanks be to God. Today's Sermon Rev. J.D. Georlett "Noel" CELEBRATING THE LIVING WORD **DPC Kids Bells** *Closing Song



*Benediction

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- PREPARATION FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD -

Prelude *Once in Royal David's City* (Lachenauer) Dr. Wayne Kallstrom Announcements

Introit O Come O Come Emmanuel

Choir

Advent Candle Lighting The Candle of Peace Liz Schaben
Jett Costello, child of Sarah Leonard and Greg Costello
Response O Come O Come Emmanuel Choir

Call To Worship

The birth of Jesus was far more than Joseph could understand. His first reaction was to quit. His instinct was to walk away from what was happening.

Joseph then chose to receive Jesus with humility and obedience. He rejoiced in what God was doing, even though it would change his life.

The birth of Jesus caused the angels to sing for joy. They sang praise in honor of God's choice to forgive human sin in His own sacrifice.

We are humbled by what the angels celebrate. We are humbled by how lost we had become, and by the thought of what God did to find us.

The birth of Jesus caused many to listen and repent. The presence of Jesus and His teaching caused many to forgive and create peace. The birth of Jesus changed the world.

We will receive the grace of God with praise and celebration. We will honor the birth of our Lord, with faith and trust and genuine worship.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn Of The Father's Love Begotten Hymn 145

CONFESSION AND FELLOWSHIP

Call to Confession

Rev. J.D. Georlett

Unison Prayer of Confession

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Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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*Gloria Patri Hymn 805

*Passing of the Peace of Our Lord

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Sacrament of Baptism

Anderson Michael Mueller son of Jonathan and Kristina Mueller

Moment with Children

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Anthem Angels We Have Heard On High
Youth Bells / Ann Beebe, violin / Lisa Lever, piano
The Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS TO GOD

The Calling to Christian Offering
Offertory How Far Is It To Bethlehem (Parker)

*Doxology Hymn 808

*Prayer and Dedication of the Offering

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 52:7-10

New Testament Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Today's Sermon
"Noel"

Rev. J.D. Georlett

CELEBRATING THE LIVING WORD

*Closing Hymn Angels From The Realms Of Glory Hymn 174

*Benediction

*Benediction Response Blessing

Choir

*Postlude Chorus of Shepherds (Lemmens) Dr. Wayr

Dr. Wayne Kallstrom