3 rd Sunday of Advent			CALL TO OFFERING			
10:00 AM	De	cember 15 th , 2024				
2			OFFERTORY			
	ill trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord become my salvation. ³ With joy you will dra		*OFFERING RE	SPONSE: "	Turn Your Eyes Up	oon Jesus"
PRELUDE		Debbe Picerno	*PRAYER OF D	EDICATION		
CALL TO WORSHIP			ORDINATION A	AND INSTALLATION	OF OFFICERS	
L: Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.			WELCOME NEW COVENANT PARTNERS			
P: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.L: Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.P: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.			ANNOUNCEMENTS			
L: Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love. P: With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.			CHILDREN'S SERMON			
L: Advent is a time to rememb P: With joyful hearts we cele	er the promises of God.		PRAYERS OF T	HE PEOPLE AND TH	HE LORD'S PRAY	ER
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OPENING PRAYER			FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3:1			
*HYMNS	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" "Speak, O Lord"	No. 90	ANTHEM	"The Songs	I Long to Hear"	By: Choir
*PRAYER OF CONFESSIO	- N		SECOND SCRIP	TURE LESSON		Hebrews 1
Precious Lord, We frequently live our lives with such small mindsets. We confess that we walk in dark places, trapped deep in our interior worlds of fear and failings.			SERMON	"God Sp	oeaks"	Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin
Meanwhile, we miss the com	*CONFESSION OF FAITH					
for being stuck in our comfortable and dormant routines. Bring us into a life full of Your presence. Illuminate our vision, so that we can once again behold our greatest love. We wait in eager anticipation for Jesus, the assurance of our salvation. Glory to			*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION			
God in the highest! Amen. (S			*HYMN	"O, For a Thousa	and Tongues to Sing	g" No. 21
*ASSURANCE OF PARDO	N		POSTLUDE			Debbe Picerno
L: Believe the good news of t P: In Jesus Christ we are fo	1		*Those who are a	ble please stand.		
			Ushers: Elders		Greeters: The So	•
*CONFESSION RESPONS	E: "Create in Me a Clean He	art"	Welcome Desk: C Liturgist: Bonnie		Fellowship Hour Childcare: Pam	

	<u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u>			
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship		
•	11 AM	Sunday School		
	12-2 PM	Club 35		
	6-8 PM	Youth Group		
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study		
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting		
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation		
v	6:30 PM	Choir		

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS- Today we celebrate those whom the Lord has called to serve our congregation in the coming years. To the office of elder we ordain and install Chris McCain & Vickie White and install Dave Freund. To the office of deacon, we ordain and install Barry Coley & B.J. McKean and install Sue Mossgrove. Remember to pray for our leaders.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-Today we rejoice with our new covenant partners who by their profession of faith commit to live out their faith with us: Nathan, Abbey, Vincent, & A.J. Statzer, Steve Hromyak, Josh Weitzel, Alyssa Sequete, Brinley Bowser, David & Judy Todd, Neil & Bonnie Morris, & Kathy Wolabaugh.

GRIEF & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP HOUR- We will be hosting an informal gathering for those who need encouragement facing a future of unexpected challenges. Scripture instructs us to care for and support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Whatever part of the journey you are on, we invite you to attend for a time of sharing, memories, prayers, and friendship. Saturday, Dec 21st at 10 AM in Room #15.

OFFERING ENVELOPES- Available for pickup today on the table outside the sanctuary. There are extra sets available for those who would like them, just write your name next to a number on the list please.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES- We will have Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 7 PM this year. We hope you will join us!

BLOOD DRIVE- We will host our next blood drive on Friday, January 3rd from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. You can signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

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