

Congregational Ministry

Angel Tree - Angel Tree ministers to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of children who have a parent incarcerated in an Idaho prison. The Angel Tree adorned with gift selections is in Fellowship Hall. Stop by and select an Angel, shop for your gifts, and bring them to the church no later than December 18. They will be delivered to the children by members of our Angel Tree ministry.

Meeting of the Congregation - A Meeting of the Congregation has been called by the Board for 10am next Sunday, December 4, for the purpose of approving the Pastor's Compensation for 2023.

Rake 'em Up - This coming Saturday, December 3, beginning at 9:00am, we are planning to spruce up the church grounds. We need volunteers to supply the muscle. Please bring leaf rakes, blowers, tarps, and pick-up trucks. Hot drinks and breakfast snacks will be provided.

New Member Class - For those involved in the life and ministry of our church and interested in learning more about becoming a member, a New Member Class is being offered on Saturday, December 10, 9:00-11:30am in Fellowship Hall. A light breakfast will be served. Please sign up for the class at the table in Fellowship Hall, and let us know if you need child care.

"Share the Warmth" Blanket Drive - Please drop off new or gently used blankets in the large box in Fellowship Hall. Help children and their families who need a warm blanket this winter.

New Staff Position - Our church has begun the search for a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. The position description is on our website under "Information." If you know someone for this position, please ask them to contact Pastor Steve at the church.

Men's Bible Study - Pastor Steve leads the Bible study and discussion every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45am - we are currently in the book of First Corinthians. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship with men of the church.

Women's Ministry

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study - Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:45pm in the Administration Building Conference Room, join us tomorrow. Information: Rona Meske (208-746-1128).

Reconnect - Featuring crafts, prayer and fellowship, we meet in the basement of the administration building the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Join us next on December 1. A morning group meets 10am-noon; an evening group 6:00-8:00pm. Information: Marcia Barkley (509-552-9536).

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study - We meet weekly in the Pilgrim Hall Chapel at 10:00am. We are studying the Gospel of Luke, and study guides are available for \$5.00. Information: Gayle Beck (509-751-9918).

Membership and Evangelism Ministry

Ladies' Luncheon - Every month or so ladies of the church get together at a local restaurant, have lunch and encourage each other by sharing what God has been doing in their lives. This month, on Saturday, December 10 at 11:30am, we are meeting at Kathy Schroeder's beautiful 1906 Historic Home at 704 4th Avenue in Lewiston! Come and see for yourself this amazing home and join us for a wonderful lunch provided by Kathy. Kathy has room for no more than twenty, so please call Bobbi Matousek at 509-263-7149 to make your reservation.

Senior Ministry

Senior Exercise - This week we meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00-9:45am in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us for low impact exercise according to the "Fit and Fall Proof" model.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Breakout (6th through 8th grade) - Join us on Sunday nights, 5:00-6:30pm at the church for fun and a closer look at what the Bible has to say to us, followed by our 6:30-7:00pm dinner with the high schoolers. Questions? Contact Loa Vornholt (509-295-3930).

High School Breakout (9th through 12th grade) - Join us on Sunday nights at the church, 6:30-7:00pm for dinner followed by our 7:00-8:30pm time for games, teaching, discussion, and prayer requests. Questions? Contact Loa Vornholt (509-295-3930).

Youth Ministry Meals - Please consider providing, serving, and sharing a meal with our Middle and High School students on Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:00pm. (We typically have 10 - 15 students.) Please sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall. Ideas include; pizza, burritos, hamburgers, spaghetti, mac & cheese, deli sandwiches, grapes, fruit salad, chips or anything you would like to bring. Questions? Talk with Loa Vornholt at (509)295-3930.

Children's Ministry

Children's Church - Congo-Pres Kids are invited to Children's Church on Sunday morning. Come to 9:00am Worship. After the Young Disciples time all kids who are Kindergarten (5 years old) through Fifth Grade are invited upstairs in Pilgrim Hall for a great Bible Lesson and fun activities.

Kids' Club (1st - 3rd Grade) - Kids Club is now for children in 1st through 3rd grade. We meet on Wednesdays from 2:30pm to 5:00pm - join us for: free play and social time, 2:30-3:15; games and snacks, 3:15-3:45pm; Bible lesson with activity and/or craft, 3:45-4:30pm; prayer and share followed by clean up, 4:30-5:00pm. You may drop off late and/or pick your child up early. Questions? Contact Mollee Dilling, our Director of Children's Ministry, at 208-743-4444 or molleed@congapres.org.

JOLT (4th & 5th Grade) - JOLT is our program for children in 4th and 5th grade. We meet on Thursdays from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Join us for games, snacks, Bible lesson, and having fun. You may drop off your child anytime from 2:30 to 3:45pm. Contact Mollee Dilling, our Director of Children's Ministry, at 208-743-4444 or molleed@congapres.org.

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Sunday Worship



November 27, 2022

Our Mission:

To Know Christ
To Become Like Christ
To Share Christ

Rev. Steve Wilbraham: Pastor

Lisa Huddleston: Administrator

Beth Katzenberger: Director of Music

Mollee Dilling: Director of Children's Ministries

Mike Holder: Co-Director of Senior Adult Ministries

Lauren Trail: Co-Director of Senior Adult Ministries

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

November 27, 2022 - 9:00 am

The First Sunday of Advent

OPENING SONG "Even So Come" Beth Katzenberger

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY Steve Wilbraham

Loving child care for ages four and younger is available in our nursery in Pilgrim Hall

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

***SONG OF PRAISE** "This is the Day"

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The advent readings and unison prayer are on the panel to the right

***SONG OF ADVENT** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

YOUNG DISCIPLES Mollee Dilling

Children ages five through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE Sermon Series: Advent

"Hope"

Luke 1:5-25

***SONG OF RESPONSE** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

THE MORNING OFFERING

If you are a guest with us this morning, we want to warmly welcome you.

If you are active in the life of our church, please place your offering in one of the boxes located at the back doors of the Sanctuary.

*Please stand, as health allows

ADVENT READINGS

1st Reading:

Today we begin our celebration of Advent. On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To help us celebrate, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

2nd Reading:

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle. Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles, including the center one, the Christ candle. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Immanuel...God with us. On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

(The first Advent candle—the candle of Hope—is lit.)

3rd Reading:

Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started. Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our hope, today and forever! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Unison Prayer:

"O God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus who brought hope to the world. Through the good news of his coming you are still bringing hope to people today. Help us to be ready this season of Advent to welcome Jesus Christ and to share the promise of eternal life he brings to everyone. Amen."

Let's be a praying family

Joan Karns

John Williams

Larry Lantz

The family of Donna Harris

Don Thornton

Please notify the church office if you would like a friend or family member included in this prayer list

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PRELUDE Lynn Ridinger

INTROIT "Come, Lord Jesus" Beth Katzenberger

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY Steve Wilbraham

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***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Solid Rock" #526

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***ADVENT HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #245

OFFERTORY "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #244

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