

CONNECTION CARD

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Today's Date: _____

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- I am new to DCC.
- I am a returning guest.
- I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- I am updating my contact information.
- I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- I would like to attend Starting Point.
- I would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister.

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

The service I usually attend is:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 11:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

- Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
- Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
- Small Groups
- Worship Arts
 - Choirs Handbells Drama
- Baptism Membership
- Confirmation Wedding
- Starting Point
- Other _____

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospitality Team
- Ushers
- Youth Ministry Sunday School
- Children's Ministry Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Associate/Family & Congregational Care Minister
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

Staff

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist
Gloria Trode, Director of Children's Music
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Creative Worship
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff
Liam McDonough, Building Staff
Jim Surdam, Building Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

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Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org
Facebook: DeWitt Community Church



"Silent Nights"

Luke 2:1-20

Monday, December 24, 2018

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 PM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Monday, December 24, 2018 - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 PM

Prelude **The Holy Night** by Dudley Buck

*Opening Carol **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (#182)

Welcome & Greeting

Bell Choir **"Carol of the Bells"** arr. William Withrup (7 PM)

Lighting the Advent Wreath
The Farrah Family (7 PM)
The Hall Family (9 PM)
The Paulsen Family (11 PM)

Reader 1: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world. O God, now we light the candle of Your nativity.

Reader 2: With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, You come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

Reader 1: We have known times when God has come and brought life and light to our world. And now, God has been born among us! The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in darkness would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us.

Reader 2: The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill to all!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice. Let us join together in our Advent response.

People: God, our Life and Light, thank You for coming to us this day. Thank You for touching all heaven and earth with Your splendor. In every shadowy corner of the world, shine Your light of peace and love. In every corner of our hearts, shine Your light of hope and joy. Amen.

Advent Candle Response **Angels We Have Heard on High**, chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo

First Reading Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1043)

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Invitation To Give

Visit give.dewittchurch.org on your mobile phone or other internet connected device to donate.

Offertory

"O Holy Night" arr. Nic MacLane
Matt Green, Nic MacLane, Liam Fitzpatrick

Second Reading Luke 2:8-14 (p. 1043)

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

Carol **What Child Is This** (#184)

Third Reading Luke 2:15-20 (p. 1043)

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

Choir Anthem **"In the Bleak Midwinter"** arr. Mark Hayes

Christmas Meditation "The Christmas Walk: Silent Nights"
Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

Lighting of the Candles

Carol **Silent Night, Holy Night** (#186)

*Closing Hymn **Joy to the World** (#179)

*Blessing

Choral Postlude **Gloria in Altissimis Deo** by Camille Saint-Saens

Worship Assistants: Rev. Alan Rudnick and Rev. Cindy Mapstone

ASL Interpreter (7 PM): Isabella Sterly

*Please stand as you are able

A diaper-changing station is available in the Library.

If you haven't yet please turn in your Estimate of Giving card.

The Church office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and open from 9 AM to Noon the remaining weekdays of December.

Serve at the Samaritan Center
Sunday, January 6

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 for prep work. The other volunteers who arrive at 12:15 should plan on being there until about 3:00PM. Sign up online at dewittchurch.org/Samaritan. If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, please email Craig Mabbett at cmabbett88@gmail.com, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation from the church to the Samaritan Center and back, car pool arrangements can be made for you.

Gab & Gather Women's Fellowship
January 13, 12-1:30 PM in Miller Commons

This is your chance to relax and get to know that lady in the next pew, or more ladies from another worship service. You might learn more about a church outreach program or an upcoming Bible Study. You might be enlightened by listening to someone from another generation. And for sure, you will enjoy! If you need childcare, kindly give us one week's notice. And I'm happy to answer any questions (or sign you up as an occasional volunteer)! Please contact Petie Rein at petie7471@yahoo.com, or 315-637-0510.

For info on any event, or RSVP, fill out the form below and drop it in the Offering plate or internal mailbox

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