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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



“Walking the Talk”

Luke 3:7-18

Saturday, December 15 & Sunday, December 16, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, December 15 & Sunday, December 16, 2018
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

“Don’t just talk about it...Be about it” - Unknown

Prelude **“Twas In the Moon Of Wintertime”** arr. by Joseph Martin

Announcements

Invitation to Worship and Greeting

*Opening Hymn **On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry** (#156)

A Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent John 1:6–8, 8–11

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent The Wilson Family (5:30)
The Doolittle Family (9:00)

Reader 1: O God, we light the third candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We look to John, Your joyous messenger, to point us to Your light. The light of the Lord will come into our world and enlighten everyone.

Reader 1: We have known people who have challenged us and called us into the light of God. Like John, they seem called by God to prepare us for a deeper faith. We thank You, Lord, for those who have helped us to experience the joy of Your light in a world of darkness.

Reader 2: God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God’s mercy and a joyful new beginning. Let us join together in our Advent response.

People: Merciful God, we give thanks that You send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for You in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to Your light, that we may experience the joy of Your saving presence. Amen.

Advent Candle Sung Response **In the Bleak Midwinter** (#196)
Angels and archangels gathered in the air, Seraphim of heaven praising everywhere; But His mother holy, in her maiden bliss, Worshipped the Beloved with her loving kiss.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Time of Song

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:7-18 (GNT) (p. 1045)
Crowds of people came out to John to be baptized by him. “You snakes!” he said to them. “Who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. And don’t start saying among yourselves that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these rocks and make descendants for Abraham! The ax is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire.” The people asked him, “What are we to do, then?” He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it.” Some tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what are we to do?” “Don’t collect more than is legal,” he told them. Some soldiers also asked him, “What about us? What are we to do?” He said to them, “Don’t take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay.” People’s hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, “I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out.” In many different ways John preached the Good News to the people and urged them to change their ways.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message “The Christmas Walk: Walking the Talk” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** (#154)

*Blessing

Postlude

Worship Assistant: Bruce Paulsen/Kim Buchanan **Vocalist:** Lidia McDaniel

*Please stand as you are able

Offerings from today’s service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Visit give.dewittchurch.org on your mobile phone or other internet connected device to give online.

The Altar flowers are given in memory of our beloved sister,
Lucille (Penny) Montgomery, from the Witschi Family

Younger Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 21 5:45PM-7:45PM

Join us for our Annual Younger Adult Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange at Ben and Nancy McDaniel’s house. We’ll eat, socialize, and exchange ornaments. Every adult should bring one ornament. Families, bring your children and youth. We’ll have childcare help for little ones. Please see the “What to Bring List” to bring drinks, appetizers, main dish, or dessert. RSVP, location, and what to bring @ <http://evite.me/nVJ9VzxBVe>.

Middle Adult Gathering

Friday, December 23 at 6PM at the Home of Mark & Kathlyne Sommers

The Middle Adult Group is generally comprised of people who are in their 40’ 50’s and 60’s. We gather every few months in different homes for dinner, conversation and a brief devotional thought. Usually the host home provides the main dish and everyone brings a dish to pass. For more information and to RSVP please use the form below.

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.

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

Event: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____