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We can help!
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Sundays at North

Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11:00 service:
Community Room

Child Care During Worship

*Provided for infants-4 year olds
during both worship services &
Sunday School*

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

Adult Sunday School

- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Power & Light: Room 205

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K & 1st Grade—101
- 2nd & 3rd Grade—104
- 4th & 5th Grade—203

Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008
- Confirmation: Club Room

Music

(Following 11:00am service)

- Joyful Noise: Room 101
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Fall Book

Today:

- Cookie Project orders may be picked up in the Parlor.
- Lay Visitors' Meeting, noon, Room 202.
- Advent Festival, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 7-8: Jubilee Christmas, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Friday and
8:30 – 11 a.m. Saturday, Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 8: Parents' Night Out, 4 - 8 p.m., Education Wing.

Dec. 9:

- Need a new name badge? Orders will be taken in the West Entry after both services. There are three options: plain, United Methodist logo or Reconciling Ministries logo. Badges are \$8.50 paid by check or exact cash amount when ordered.
- ELEVATION Christmas Party, (third through fifth graders), 4-6 p.m., Room 203.
- Youth Group Progressive Dinner, (sixth–twelfth graders), 4:30-8 p.m.

Dec. 13: Miriam Circle visits Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon, Indiana. If you would like to attend, please contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com).

Dec. 16: The Longest Night Service, 6 p.m., Chapel.

Dec. 19: Women of Lydia Circle pitch-in dinner, 7 p.m., Sue Childers' home.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve services:

- 5 p.m., Children and Families service; special music by children's and youth choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama performed by children and youth;
- 7:30 p.m., Celebration of Holy Communion, and
- 11 p.m., Festival of Lessons and Carols. (Prelude music begins at 10:30 p.m.)

Dec. 30: Last Sunday of the Year service, 11 a.m. (Only one worship service at 11 a.m.; no Sunday School and no child care.)

Jan. 5: Yoga classes begin for all ages and abilities, 9 a.m.

Jan. 20: "Breaking the Chains": Panel discussion on human trafficking, 5-7 p.m.

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service, 10 a.m.



December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* arr. C. Phillips

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amy Sell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of God's deep compassion
the dawn of heaven will break upon us.

**People: From God's faithfulness
the light of peace will shine on us.**

Leader: Christ is coming to free us from our fears,
to liberate us from our sins,
and to give joy to every longing heart.

*OPENING HYMN #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lincoln Fields

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 694

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

People: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH 8:30 The O'Neil Family
11:00 Darryl Ballard & Rod Brown

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's reconciling love.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's ultimate hope.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation Response *God is Near* arr. J. Raney

Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;
 5 tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the
 10 world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em - man - u - el,
 15 — God is near. —

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3, 3:9-13 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 191

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Advent Letter #1: Thank You Notes* Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON Amy Sell

Leader: Christ invites to his table the troubled and the broken, the sinful and the sinned against.

With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin and let go of our burdens.

People: Holy Sovereign, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there is no justice.

We live in fear, as though there is no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,

for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J.S. Bach
from *Cantata 140* sung in German

"Wake up!" the voice calls to us. The guard on the tower cries to us, "Wake up, dear town, Jerusalem!" Now in midnight's dark hour the watcher calls with powerful voice, "Where are you, clever young women? Wake up, the Bridegroom's near. Pick up your lamps and cheer, Hallelujah! Get ready now the wedding feast is on. You must go out and meet the groom.

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal pg. 13
Ronnie Bell

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The offering collected in the baskets beside the communion table aids in providing emergency financial assistance to our members who are in need.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *A Communion Hymn for Christmas* T. Fettke

COMMUNION HYMNS

#214 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

#216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN #196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* v. 1

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Savior of the Nations, Come* arr. P. Manz

The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God by a friend of North Church.

The white carnation on the altar is in memory of Bill Kirkman who passed away on November 27, 2018.

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Accessibility

- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

Children

We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

This week's worship leaders:

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Lincoln Fields

Liturgist

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