

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 20th, 2015

Advent Reading

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:27-2:18

Children's Message

Judy Schafer

Hymn #153

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"Love All"

Closing Hymn #166

"Joy Bells Are Ringing"

SCRIPTURE READING:

- *Phil. 1:27-2:18, pages 1138-1139*

Page numbers listed above can be found in your pew Bible. If you do not have a Bible at home, please feel free to take a pew Bible to keep as your own.

SERMON RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE

www.wincov.org/media/sermons/ Choose the image that corresponds to the relevant series, and then choose the sermon you want to hear.

REQUEST A SERMON CD

CDs of the full service are available from the church office. Call us at (507)647-5777, email us at wincov@gmail.com or drop a note in Krystal Stoll's mailbox.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today 12/20
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Sunday School
6:00 PM Christmas Program

Wednesday 12/23
NO Prayer Coffee at Eunice's

Thursday 12/24
NO Bible Studies
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Saturday 12/26
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study at Hahn's Dining

Sunday 12/27
9:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM NO Sunday School



SUNDAY SERVANTS

	<i>December 20th</i>	<i>December 27th</i>
Prelude:	Shirley Rosnau	June Oman
Greeters:	Peiks	Stolls
Nursery:	Lindsay Kachelmeier & Rebecca Redman	Rose Adema & Cuyler Pitchford
Scripture:	Elias Kachemeier	Jovi Stoll
Sound Technician:	Krystal Stoll/Autumn Bosma	Torrey Pitchford
Sunday School Snacks: Adults/Kids:	Earles/Earles	N/a
Dec. Sanct. Floral:	Jean Fenske & helpers	
Dec. Ushers:	Eric Sandberg, JoAnn Ruff, Ted Oman, Erik Ahlstrand	

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