

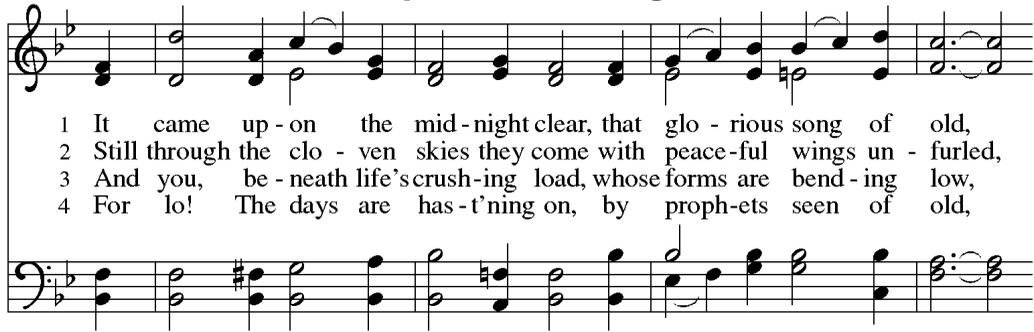


# **Star of Wonder**

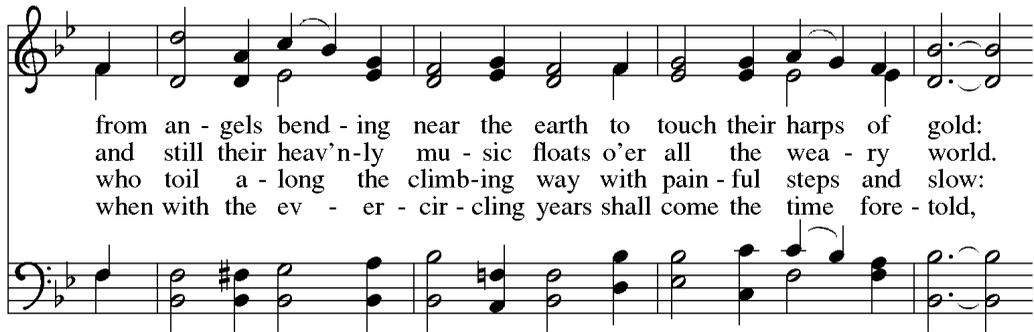
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021

Sunday School Christmas Program

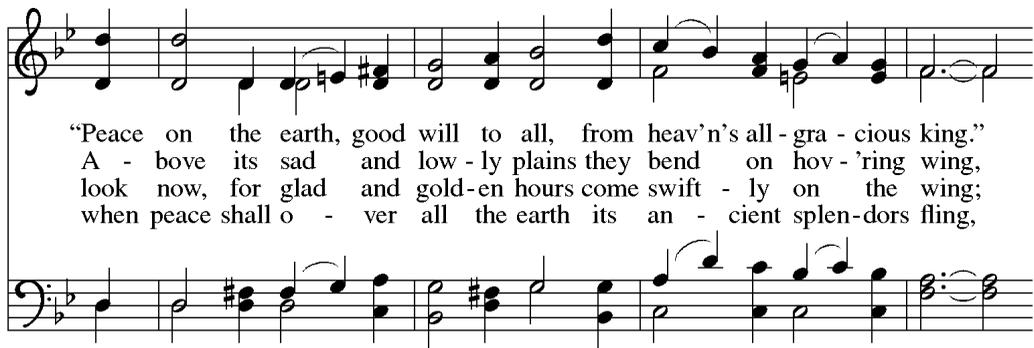
## "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"



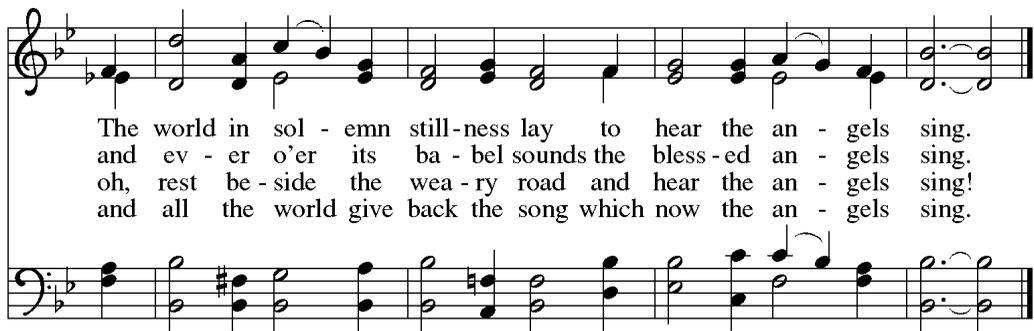
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cing years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend - on hov - ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Sunday School Christmas Program

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Regular text is spoken by the Congregation

**Bold text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor**

\*Please stand when indicated if you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING HYMN

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

\*CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and come.

**Make all things new.**

For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

**Stir up our hearts, Lord, and make all things new.**

For any lingering bitterness that scratches our soul:

**Stir up our hearts, Lord, and make all things new.**

For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

**Give us the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

In this season of hope and expectation, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

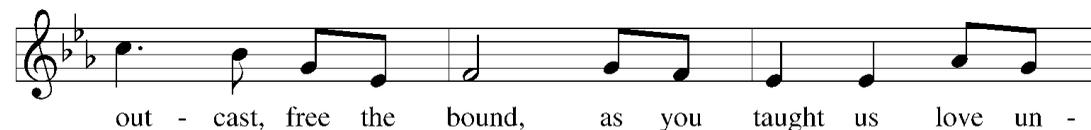
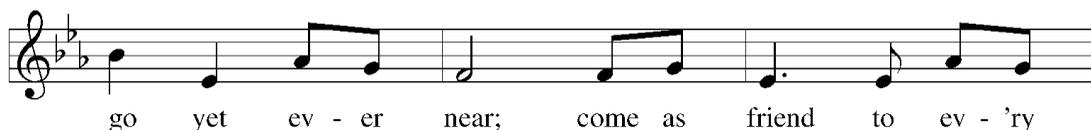
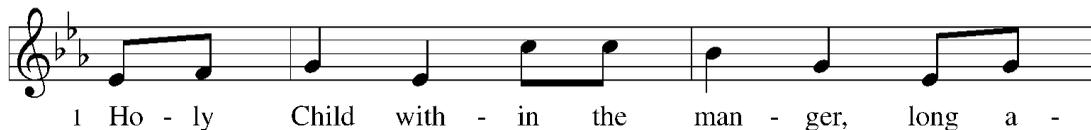
God of advent,

**restore our hearts with your loving presence. In this season of decreasing daylight, we confess the shadows of sin in our lives. We cling to the worldly things around us and we put ourselves above all. We often fail to serve you when we do not serve others. Free us from the power of sin and lead us to live as your holy people, in the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Hear the Good News: God's Son, the light of the world, was sent to free us from sin, to show God's infinite love and forgiveness for all. Jesus Christ has come into the world, has led the way through death that we may have life, and is coming again to make all things new.

**Amen**

### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



### \*PRAYER

God of Advent, gather us, forgive us and keep us awake as we light this circle of light. You continue to do great things for us, may we be your light in the world, serving those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy.

**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

<sup>2</sup> See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid.

The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!

<sup>4</sup> In that wonderful day you will sing:

“Thank the LORD! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done.

Let them know how mighty he is!

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things.

Make known his praise around the world.

<sup>6</sup> Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy!

For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you.”

Word of God, come down to us.

**Thanks be to God**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, come down to us.

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-9

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising.

Word of God, come down to us.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The first noel, the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who made the earth and heaven of naught,  
and with his blood our life has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*



# STAR OF WONDER

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**Super Star:** Emerlyn Pinter

**Moon:** Allison Reyes

**Sports Star:** Maddox Pinter

**Movie Star:** Kayla Benecke

**Lucky Star:** Ellison Benecke

**North Star:** Justin McCarty

**Shooting Star:** Wyatt Gericke

**Falling Star:** Andilyn Pinter

**Shepherds:** Audra Pinter, Meyers Poulson, Emma Thatcher

**Wee Three Kings (Queens):** Alexa Schneider, Violet Schneider, Abby Stevens

**The Milky Way:**

Hayden Thatcher, Liam Thatcher, Daniel Stevens, Quinn Elting, Ellis Poulson, Khalyci Smith

## *“Look Up”*

Ready or not, the stars are coming out, one by one, that’s what I’m talkin’ ‘bout  
Taking our place, we’re waiting in a line. We know what to do, and we’re ready to shine!

Look up! Look up! Too many to count, what a beautiful sight!  
Look up! Look up! Something’s going on in the heavens tonight.

Ready or not, the stars are coming out. Once it starts, we suddenly appear.  
Twinkling lights, we’re dancing in the breeze. We’ll put on a show for the people to see.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## *“God Chooses Who He Uses”*

We’re taking a risk, we’re making some history, leaving the map and following mystery.

On an adventure, chasing a star, on a wing and a prayer, we’re gonna go far.  
It’s no coincidence, this is not fate. God’s plan is leading us to the right place.

God chooses who He uses, and He uses everyone.  
There’s so much we can offer and so much to be done.  
To shine the light of Jesus so that anyone can come.  
God chooses who He uses, and He uses everyone.

We don’t wanna miss anything God has planned. Sometimes it’s hard when we don’t understand.

Can’t help but follow, He’s earned our trust, ‘cause all that we have He’s given to us.

It’s no coincidence, this is not fate. God’s plan is leading us to the right place.

## ***“Big Band of Shepherds”***

You take a big band of shepherds standing on a hillside in the middle of the night  
I'm talkin' big band of shepherds. Can you imagine what it must have been like?  
Well, how could it be that the God up in the heaven decided the Word should be given  
to a big, big, big band of shepherds?

They were watching their sheep with nothing to fear  
When all of a sudden an angel appeared.  
They looked to the sky, but found the light was blinding.  
The glory of the Lord was definitely shining  
on a big band of shepherds.

The angel said, “Be not afraid, For unto you is born this day  
In the city of David, you'll find a little baby  
Lying in a manger you'll find the Savior waiting  
for a big band of shepherds.

## ***“Wee Three Kings”***

Double-U, Double-E...that spells Wee, like the wee three kings in the Christmas story.  
Double-U, Double-E...we have come to see his glory!

We have seen a shining star, leading us to Bethlehem.  
We have traveled from afar, bringing gifts to offer him.

See him wrapped in swaddling clothes, in a manger filled with hay.  
We have come because we know, Christ is born to us this day!

## ***“Away in a Manger”***

### ***“Constellation Celebration”***

Listen everybody, can you hear the celebration? The sound of God's creation coming alive.  
All around the heavens, after centuries of waiting. A symphony is filling the skies!  
It's not a silent night. It's not a sleepy time. From Bethlehem to Heaven, there's a party going down.

Constellation Celebration! The moon and stars are moving, and the music's just begun.  
Hear the Heaven's declaration, that the promised one has come. Constellation Celebration!

Dubbed through all the ages there's a call that has been given. A special invitation, to all who will come.  
The song of the redeemer, hear it ringing through the heavens. The celebration's only begun.  
The stars are lining up! They've got a song to sing. Come and join the praises to the newborn baby King!

# HYMN

## "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.



## \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*each petition ends:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## \*THE 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 and ever. Amen.**

## \* BENEDICTION

In all your Advent preparations, remain watchful with your eyes on Christ, whose birth in a manger is but a promise of his coming again in glory. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

**Amen**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

### *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

*Refrain*

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The refrain is: 'Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.'

## **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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2021 Sunday School Christmas Program

## Star of Wonder

**Program Director** – Caleb Wyse

**Preschool & Kindergarten Teacher** – Amy Blankenship

**Grades 2, 3 & 4 Teacher** – Caleb Wyse

**Grades 5 & 6 Teacher** – Jen Basselman

I would like to thank all of the Sunday School teachers for their hard work in preparing for this program. I also say a big “thank you” to Bill Phelps for running the sound system.

Thank you to all of the parents who bring their children faithfully to Sunday School to learn about God’s love for them. And most of all, thank you to all of the children for working hard to bring us the story of Christ’s birth!

Merry Christmas ~

*Caleb Wyse*

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

*We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 ESV*

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## St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship

-Everyone Present

Acolyte

-Wyatt Gericke

Organist/Pianist

-Deacon Steve Basselman

Usher Team Leader

-Mark Weaver

Sound System

-Bill Phelps

Altar Guild

-Sandy Thatcher, Janet Wyse

Offering Counters

-Jo Ann Liechty, Aaron Short

## Brunch following Children's Christmas Program, Today, December 12<sup>th</sup> . . .

Free-will offering will go towards supporting the Puerto Rico Mission Trip in February of 2022. Please make checks payable to St. Martin's Lutheran Church with Puerto Rico Mission Trip on memo line or mark your offering envelope Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

## Thankoffering Contributions . . . Deadline for contributions is **today**, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

You may drop them off in the Office or mark your offering envelope, Women's Thankoffering.

**A Christmas Concert by Toledo Symphony String Orchestra, Wednesday, December 15, 7:30 pm.** Ticket information is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## **This Week at St. Martin's**

### **Today – December 12 – Advent III**

Worship, 9:00 am, "Star of Wonder" Children's Christmas Program  
Brunch following Program, see announcement  
No Sunday School

### **Monday – December 13**

St. Martin's Night at Knotty Vines, 6–7:30

### **Tuesday – December 14**

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's  
Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

### **Wednesday – December 15**

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm  
Informal Worship, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Catechism, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the basement  
Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Music Rehearsal, 7:30 pm

### **Thursday – December 16**

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant  
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

### **Next Sunday – December 19 – Advent IV**

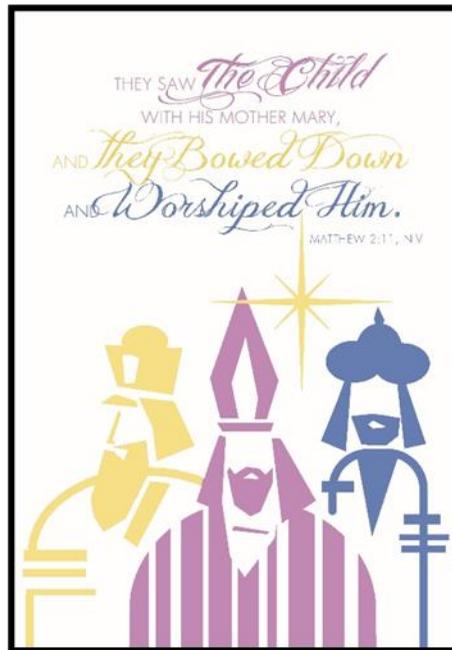
Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion  
Musical Offering: multiple Christmas anthems by the Chancel Choir  
Sunday School, 10:20 am  
Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am

**CHRISTMAS SIP & SING at Knotty Vines Winery...** join us for a St. Martin's night at the winery tomorrow from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Menu items are available for purchase and there will be some informal holiday music by Rick Breier and Steve Basselman. Come and go as you please and join us for some holiday fellowship in a venue other than the Fellowship Hall on a Sunday during Coffee Hour!

## Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of December 5, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,912.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$3,455.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$164.00	As of 11/30/2021	
Total Income	\$8,531.00	YTD Operating Received	\$238,520.82
Worship	88/15/103	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$197,104.16)
Sunday School	48	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$41,416.66



## St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory

All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be supported in their ministry to the Church

The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania

Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area

St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's next Pastor

All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God

All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son

Jan Delaney

Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend

Jerry Geiger

Sharon Heckel

Pam Howell-Beach, sister of Dennis Howell, cancer treatments

Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia

Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney

Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel

Bonnie R. Lauber

Shannon Liechty

Gerald Meyer

Steve (Bonnie) Meyer

Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin

Samantha Nienberg, friend of Jan Delaney, cancer

Ann Ott

Jerry Rohrs

Stan Schmidt

Al Siewert

Joe Wyse

Steward Wyse

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near

All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams, Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①

(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE . . .

## December 12 + ADVENT III, TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program “**Star of Wonder**”  
Brunch following hosted by Puerto Rico Mission Trip Team



## December 19 + ADVENT IV

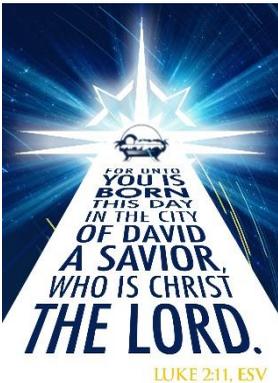
9:00 am—Worship with Communion

Musical Offering: multiple Christmas anthems by the Chancel Choir

10:20 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Adult Sunday School

## December 24 + CHRISTMAS EVE



4:00 pm—Family Service with Communion

This worship service will be similar to years past following an informal format

7:00 pm—Festival Service with Communion

This worship service will include the Chancel and Bell Choirs

## December 25 + CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am – Worship with Communion

## December 26 + FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9:00 am—Worship with Communion

No Sunday School