Gathering Music

Call to Worship/Lighting of a Candle in the Advent Wreath
People of God, an angel appeared to a man in a dream.
Joseph was a righteous man who heard God's messenger.
Because of his deep faith, he trusted in God's steadfast love.
When we know God's love, we can extend it to others.
Today we light a candle to symbolize the steadfast love of God.
We are loved by God and we celebrate His steadfast love. Let us love one another and let us show God's love to the world.*

Prayer

Gathering Song  “For God So Loved the World”  #164 & Projected

† Greeting  (A Walk-Up Praise Team is invited to come forward at this time.)

† Songs of Praise  “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”
“He Knows My Name”  Led by a Walk-Up Praise Team
Insert & Projected

Prayer for Illumination


Message  On the Way to Christmas with Zechariah and Elizabeth
Pastor Ron

Moments for Reflection

Preparation for the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn  “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  #178 & Projected
(Prayer Request Cards, which can be found in the hymnbook and Bible racks on the backs of the pews, will be collected during the singing of this hymn.)

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

† Confession of Faith (the Apostles’ Creed)  Below & Projected
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Prayers of the People  and the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray:
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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory and Offering  (Please sign and share the fellowship folders as the offering for the General Fund is being received.)

† Benediction

† Parting Song  “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  #171 & Projected (v. 1)

† Parting Music

*The readings being used this year during the lighting of the candles in the Advent wreath were written by Pastor Martha Spong and are being used with some adaptation.

We welcome you to join us downstairs for fellowship following worship this morning!
This Week at TLC

**Today**
- Communion Sunday
- Annual congregational meeting
- Poinsettia orders due
- "Back Talk" will not meet today
- Belayers, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- Bulletin deadline, noon

**Coming Up**

- **December 11**
  - Service of the Second Table

- **December 13**
  - Elders’ & Deacons’ Mtgs., 6:30 p.m.
  - Consistory, 7:30 p.m.

- **December 15**
  - Christmas concert with Jim Hendricks, 2:00 p.m.

- **December 18**
  - Mission-of-the-Month Offering, “TLC Summer Concert Series”
  - Donations for the "adopted" family for Christmas Family due by 12:00 noon.

**December Preaching Schedule**

*(Subject to Change)*

December 11, 18 & 25 - Pastor Ron

**Serving the LORD in Worship**

**Greeters**
- Today: John, Bernice & Joanna VanBuren & Gary & Tammy Kiel
- Next week: Norm & Joan VanDyke & Dick & Marilyn Doorlag

**Nursery**
- Today: Ellen Grevenstuk
- Next week: Brenda Brown

**Preaching**
- Pastor Ron

**Guest Accompanist**
- Pat Roach

**Song Leaders**
- A Walk-Up Praise Team

**Sound Tech & Powerpoint**
- Dan Brown

Church Announcements (12/04)

**“Thank you”** to Pat Roach for serving as our guest accompanist.

**Important Information pertaining to the annual congregational meeting** can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex. The meeting will be held downstairs in the fellowship room following the worship service TODAY. Particularly if you plan to attend the meeting, please review the information prior to the meeting and bring the information with you to the meeting. Refreshments will be served and time will be given to thank Pastor Steve Slater for his years of service to Twin Lakes Church as classis appointed supervisor, to congratulate him on his anticipated retirement, and to welcome Pastor Armstrong as the newly appointed classis appointed supervisor.

**The annual congregational meeting of Twin Lakes Reformed Church** is scheduled to be held downstairs in the fellowship room following the worship service TODAY. Included in the meeting will be the presentation of the proposed TLC Investment in Ministry Plan for 2017 and the presentation of the consistory slate for the 2017-2019 term consisting of Harold Grevenstuk (elder nominee) and Larry VanEngen (deacon nominee). All are invited to attend the meeting, but only confessing members have the privilege of voting. Important information pertaining to the meeting can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Any business from the floor that does not appear on the agenda will be for discussion only.

**You might recall that Christian pianist Jim Hendricks** was part of the recent Summer Concert Series at Twin Lakes Church. If you were here for the concert on July 30 and enjoyed Jim's playing then, or missed the concert and wish you hadn't, you will be happy to know that Jim is scheduled to be here again! The Lord willing, Jim will be leading in worship through a Christmas concert on **Thursday afternoon, December 15, 2016**! Among those being invited are senior adult groups from area churches. The concert is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., and a free-will offering for Jim will be received. Jim's cassettes and CD's will be available for purchase and might make a perfect gift for someone on your Christmas shopping list! Because of the concert, 50+ will not be meeting in December this year. More details pertaining to the concert will be coming later!

**The Christian Neighbor's items requested for the month of December** are assorted tomato products. Donations may be left on the back sanctuary table.

**The December edition of the Twin Lakes Lantern** is available in your mailboxes and on the narthex ledge. Pick up your copy today!

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias may be placed through TODAY. Order forms are available on the back sanctuary table.
Sign-up to donate store bought or bakery cookies for the Veterans at the Battle Creek VA Hospital. The sign-up sheet is on the back sanctuary table. We’ll need 20 dozen cookies by Sunday, December 18, 2016. Questions? See Ellen Grevenstuk.

Refreshment and coffee servers for the fellowship time following the morning worship service are needed! Thank you to Tammy Kiel and Pastor Ron for serving refreshments today. The coffee and refreshment servers for next Sunday, 12/11/16 are Tammy Kiel and Kristina Houser. Please sign up if you are willing to help!

The January-March nursery/greeter schedules will be in your mailboxes December 20th. Please let the office know by December 13th if you would like to be added or removed from the list as well as any dates you may not be available to serve. Thank you!

The next newsletter will be published in February. The deadline for the combined January/February newsletter will be January 17th. It’s never too early to submit something for the newsletter!

A sincere “thank you” to all who recently participated in the Natural Church Development survey process. Completed surveys were to have been returned no later than Wednesday, 11/30/16. If you have a survey and have not yet completed and/or returned it, please inform Pastor Ron as soon as possible (preferably TODAY).

Cookies are needed for the time of fellowship and refreshments following the concert on 12/15/16 with pianist Jim Hendricks. The cookies may be either store bought or homemade. If you are willing to donate some, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

“Thank you” to John VanBuren for his donation of the turkeys and to the roasters, Marilyn Doorlag, Paula Fiebiger and Ellen Grevenstuk.

The cheesy hash browns and green bean casserole contributors were: Sue Bonnell, Mary Brown, Ellen Grevenstuk, Karen Hackett, Kristina Houser, and Tammy Kiel.

Desserts were provided by the following: Alyce Bosma, Mary Brown, Luella Doorlag, Katherine Ekema, Karen Hackett, Carol Kiel, Joann Kline, Tammy Kiel, Bernice VanBuren and Joan VanDyke.

The kitchen staff consisted of: Alyce Bosma, Mary Brown, Ted & Paula Fiebiger, and Tammy Kiel. If we’ve missed anyone, our apologies. And Thank You!

We appreciate the support of this team of volunteers that helped make this event a big success! We also thank the Twin Lakes family for their support and participation.”

~Ted & Paul Fiebiger

Dear Family & Friends,

The Twin Lakes Church (TLC) Worship Team is pleased to announce that again this year TLC has "adopted" a family for Christmas through Christian Neighbors of Plainwell. The two smaller Christmas trees positioned around the larger tree in the front of the sanctuary have been decorated in part with gift tags for our “adopted” family. I hope you will consider helping make this Christmas brighter and merrier for them by adding one or more of the family members to your Christmas shopping list.

Please consider visiting the Christmas trees, choosing one or more tags, and then purchasing the gift indicated on the tag. Each name submitted to us has been assigned a specific color for their gift tag. So, if you choose more than one tag of the same color, you will be purchasing for the same person.

Many of the gifts suggested this year are quite specific. If you would like to participate in this important ministry but need some help with the shopping, one of the Worship Team members will be happy to assist you by shopping on your behalf. Please contact a Worship Team member as soon as possible to discuss your shopping needs. Their names are listed on the next page.

Also, if you would like to participate but find what has been suggested for gifts this year as being too expensive, please consider purchasing a gift along with someone else. This could be a great way still to participate, and to also share the cost.