

**Poinsettias gracing the Meeting House are given by:**

Michele Fecht

In memory of Ezra and Era McElmurry & Thomas and Julia Dickinson

Helen Galindo

In appreciation of my Meadowbrook family

John and Bonnie Hyde

In memory of Kay, Sheila, Vida and Ginny

Frank Maynard

Lori Milligan

In memory of my dad, Thomas Allen

Carl and Denise Parr

In appreciation of our church family

Jim and Joyce Paxton

In appreciation for all our children and grandchildren

Jody and Dave Scheller

In honor of our beloved family

Nancy Straub

In memory of Jim, Jay and Clint

Marilyn and Marilyn Sullivan & Darin and Katie Munnell

In memory of Erin Sullivan

Barbara and David Vanderhoff

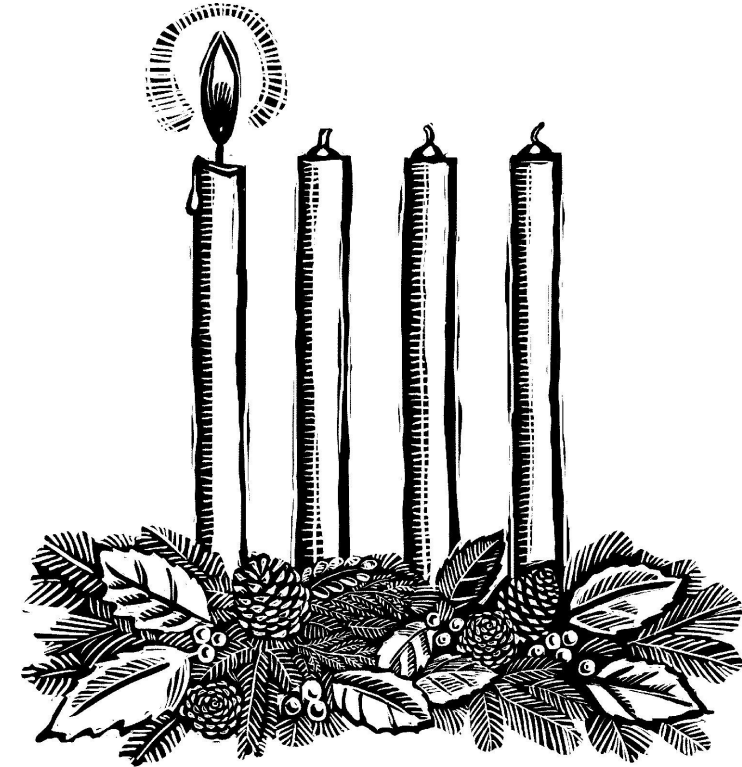
In memory of William and Wilhelmina Frew & Eugene and Iva DeFelice

Barry Webster

Allan and Marilyn Worth

In celebration of the promise of Christmas

# MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



## First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2022  
1st Sunday in Advent

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

**PRELUDE** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" *arr. by Wilbur Held* Dave Howland

**WELCOME** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

## CHORAL INTROIT

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 40:1-2) *(read responsively)* Lee Gross

*Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.*

*Congregation: **Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.***

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #92

**\*INVOCATION** (based on Isaiah 40:3-5) *(in unison)* Lee Gross

**A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Be with us, O God, and build up our hope in Jesus, who taught us to pray...**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(using Debts and Debtors)*

**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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:** *Hope* Joshua and Sherilyn Foster-Tucker

**ADVENT RESPONSE** "When God is a Child" #109 v. 1 Congregation

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENT** Colleen Foster  
*(Children are released to their Sunday School classrooms)*

**ANTHEM** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *by Healey Willan* Sanctuary Choir

*Christ, whose glory fills this skies, Thou, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high be near; Daystar in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes and warm my heart. Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, Radiance Divine, Scatter all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day. Amen.*

## SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

## CHORAL AMEN

**OFFERTORY** "Jesus, Name above All Names" #59

**\*DOXOLOGY** *(sing in unison)* #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:11 Rev. Joel K. Boyd

*Minister: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.  
Congregation: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## CHORAL RESPONSE

**SERMON SERIES** *Heaven and Nature Sing*  
**SERMON** "Emmanuel" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**\*SENDING HYMN** "Canticle of the Turning" #88

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" *by Benedetto Marcello* Dave Howland

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.*

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*The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by  
Frank Maynard in memory of Lisa Barry Maynard.*

**MUSICIANS:** Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves  
**TECHNICIAN:** Scott Hokett | **GREETERS:** Jim & Barbara Miller | **LITURGIST:** Lee Gross

This is the last week to sign up and purchase gifts for our Holiday Family. All gifts for our family are due back to church or Cindy Lyon's house by Sunday, December 4. If you are unable to have your gifts ready by next Sunday, please contact Cindy at 248-425-0443 or email at lyoncel19@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity! - Outreach Ministry