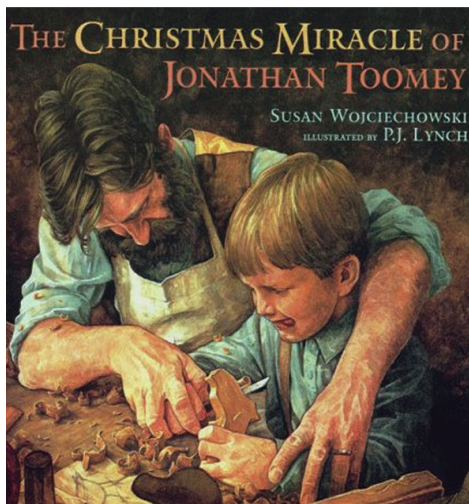


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December 2014 Newsletter

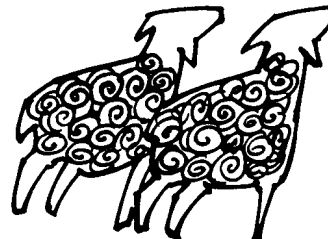


This year's Advent sermon series will feature one of my very favorite Christmas stories - *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* by Susan Wojciechowski. Each week, we will be reading a portion of the story in the sermon. If I could sit with each and every one of you in a circle and hold up the book so you could experience the beautiful illustration of P.J. Lynch, I would. But there will be a copy of the picture book at each church throughout the season so you peruse the pictures yourself as well as

catch up on any part(s) of the story that you might miss. Some of you may be familiar with this wonderful Christmas story (ssssshh ... don't give away the ending!). For those who aren't, here's a brief description:

Jonathan Toomey is the best woodcarver in the valley. He keeps to himself, though, and never smiles or laughs. No one knows that a lace handkerchief, a tiny white blanket, and a portrait of the wife and child he's lost lie hidden in a drawer he never opens. One day in early winter the widow McDowell comes to call on the woodcarver. A quiet request leads to a joyful miracle as the widow and her son gently warm the sad heart of Jonathan Toomey.

He is coming





A Word from Our Pastor

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows – light! Sunbursts of light! You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy. Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy! The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings. ... For a child has been born – for us! The gift of a son – for us! ~ Isaiah 9:2-3

Of all the passages of Scripture that we read during the Advent and Christmas seasons, this has always been my favorite. Maybe it's because I've lived my whole life in the Midwest – a place of beauty, to be sure, but a place that, during the winter months, can feel cold and dark. Surely “a land of deep shadows.”

And in our lives, how often have we found ourselves walking in darkness? There are any number of things that at times can and do blot out the light, plunging our hearts and our spirits into darkness – illness, fear, uncertainty, stress, grief. We continue to move through life during these times, but we still feel that darkness. It eclipses everything else and dulls our reaction. Isaiah's words may have originally been spoken for the people of Israel, but they continue to resonate with us today. Surely, we know what it's like to be people who walk in darkness.

For the church, Advent is a season of waiting ... a season of expectation ... a season of darkness as we anticipate the coming of the Light. Today, it's easy for us to forget that part of Advent. Our to-do lists are so long. We have cookies to bake, presents to buy and wrap, trees and homes to decorate, carols to sing, loved ones to visit, favorite holiday movies to watch, Christmas cards/letters to write and send. We are surrounded by the glitz and sparkle of advertisements and lights. But sometimes this light only serves to make the darkness feel even thicker, even heavier, even darker.

And yet, in the face of this darkness, Isaiah speaks of

another Light – “sunbursts of light,” even! The Hebrew word that Isaiah uses is the same word that gets used to describe daybreak, a Light so vivid and bright that it seems almost alive. In the face of our deepest darkness, this Light shines. And as John's gospel tells us, this is a Light that cannot be extinguished.

What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. ~ John 1:4-5.

And where do we find this Light? In his own beautiful way, Isaiah tells us. “For a child has been born – for us! The gift of a son – for us!”

There is light in the eyes of a baby. There is light in a baby's smile, in a baby's laugh, in the peaceful look on a sleeping baby's face. But the Light that this child is about to bring goes beyond that light. The Light that is coming is one of salvation and grace and peace beyond measure. The Light that is coming will banish every darkness forever and wrap us in a love that we cannot even begin to imagine. This is the Light for which we wait during the Advent season. This is the Light which dawns anew for us each Christmas morning.

And so in the midst of this dark and cold season, in the midst of the twinkling lights and the red and green sprinkles, we pray ...

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Pastor Gina



(O/Z) Pastor's Christmas Open House

We want to invite you to our home for some holiday goodies, some holiday cheer, and some low key, low stress holiday fellowship. Bring your families. Bring your friends. Bring yourselves. *Please don't bring gifts.*

Date: **Sat., Dec. 13**

Time: **2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Place: Our home – **829 Dubuque Blvd., Zumbrota**

(O) Christmas Giving for the Needy

The POC have decided to provide clothing and other essentials for the residents of the Dorothy Day House and for the Rochester homeless through a division of Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center.

Dorothy Day Requests:

- 1) Sweatshirts – Size Large or larger
(Gently used or new)
- 2) Warm hats/caps/mittens/Gloves
(Gently used or new)
- 3) Warm socks – (Gently used or new)
- 4) Toothbrushes
- 5) Gift cards to K-Mart, Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, or Target (Please only these stores)

Rochester Homeless (Division of Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center) Requests:

- 1) Sweatshirts – they will take small sizes in addition to larger sizes - (Gently used or new)
- 2) Warm hats/gloves/mittens (Gently used or new)
- 3) Warm Socks - (Gently used or new)
- 4) Warm coats and jackets (Gently used or new)

Boxes for placing items in for each organization will be in the Fellowship Hall up through Dec 21st.
Thank you for your donation!!!!!!

(O/Z) Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Team

We are up and running ... well ... walking. J We've put together a joint O/Z team to walk the Breast Cancer 3-Day in the Twin Cities next year. A few facts:

- Dates: Aug. 21-23, 2015
- **Registration cost: \$35 before Dec. 4, \$70 after Dec. 4**
- Distance: 60 miles walked in 3 days
- Requirements:
 - * must be able to walk 60 miles
 - * must be willing to either overnight in the tents (provided by 3-Day organization) or in a local hotel
 - * must raise \$2300 as a participant
- More information: <http://www.the3day.org>

I know that \$2300 is a lot of money, but we'll do a lot of fundraising together. There are also a number of personal fundraising tips that can be found on the website including letters, Facebook resources, e-cards, and your own personal fundraising page that allows people to contribute electronically.

If you're interested in walking with us:

- à Go to <http://www.the3day.org>
- à Click on "Register"
- à Click on the Twin Cities 2015 link
- à Click on "Register and join a team"
- à Search for team "OZ Faith Walkers"

You can also find our Facebook page – search for "O/Z 3-Day Team." Even if you can't walk, there will be plenty of ways that the congregations can help and support this effort, so stay tuned!

(O/Z) Holiday Youth Get-Together



It's time to get together for some plain old holiday fun! We'll play a few games. We'll eat some awesome food. We'll have time to just sit and hang out without the distractions of dumping people in the river (or hitting them in the face with random flip-flops) or tossing a ball down the lanes (or into the gutter ... whichever the case may be). We're also going to do a White Elephant gift exchange, so bring something completely random all wrapped up (or in a bag) for this activity. (If you aren't familiar with how a White Elephant works, you are encouraged **not** to spend any money on this item. Find something around the house that you would like to get rid of and wrap it up. Regifting ... it's a beautiful thing!) Invite your friends, and come have a good time!

Date: **Mon., Dec. 29**

Time: **4:00-8:00 p.m.**

Place: Our home – **829 Dubuque Blvd., Zumbrota**

(Z) Advent Candle Lighting Still Available

There is a sign-up sheet at church for people who would like to participate in Advent worship through brief readings and lighting of each week's Advent candle. If you would like to be part of this but have forgotten to sign up or can't get to church to sign up, please let Pastor Lisa know as soon as possible. You can call her at 507-696-8753, or you can email her: pastorlisaj@gmail.com.

(O) Tithing by Direct Deposit

Our ability to tithe by direct deposit is up and running. Hoorah!! If you're interested in making your financial contribution electronically, please contact Kim Stanton or Kay Erdahl. Thanks.

(Z) Christmas Tree Sale

Sales will start Friday, November 28 and be ongoing until gone. We are doing something different this year as we are going self serve. The lot will be open all of the time and you can get a tree anytime. The trees will all be priced just leave the money in the mailbox. Easy AND convenient! For more information please call Jim Wendt at 732-7142.

(O/Z) Worship Advisory Team

NEXT MEETING: December 1 at 6:30 at Pastor Lisa's home—829 Dubuque Blvd., Zumbrota

Just a reminder that the Worship Advisory Team consists of:

Lance Sorensen (O)
Linda Sorensen (O)
Peter Johnson (O)
Connie Hawley (Z)
Hailey Vath (Z)
Sue Wedge (Z)

We are continuing to discuss a number of different things, so if you have any ideas or feedback about

worship, please feel free to share your thoughts with one of these people.

(O) Food Shelf News

Please note: We will only be open one time this month (Wednesday, December 10th) as Christmas Eve falls on a Wednesday.

Our food shelf hours through February will be 4-6:00pm to accommodate those who have difficulty driving in the dark.

Cans Film Festival Saturday, December 6 Wehrenberg Theaters

See a free movie! Bring 5 cans or boxes of food to donate and receive one free movie pass that day before 4:00pm. Bring 15 cans to receive an additional pass for another day. Food will be donated to Channel One. Help us to collect 15,000 cans!



"If you're gonna guess what I got you for Christmas, Daddy, don't guess socks."

(O) Christmas Joy Offering—12/21

Watch for the special envelopes for your Christmas Joy offering. This is the last of four special offerings collected each year by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Whether providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families or providing opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools, your generous gift to the Christmas Joy Offering will support past, present & future church leaders.

(Z) Christmas Fund Offering December 21

The theme for the 2014 Christmas Fund Offering is **A Light Is Drawing Near**. For 112 years, the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund – one of four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ – has been a way in which we, as members of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations, reflect the light of Jesus Christ in the lives of the many women and men who have so faithfully and selflessly served, and who now find themselves facing unforeseen financial crises.

We are grateful for the generosity of UCC churches and individuals who contributed a total of \$1,545,076 to the 2013 Offering. This enabled the Pension Boards’ Ministerial Assistance program to provide, on behalf of the whole Church, Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas “Thank You” Gift Checks to individuals and families in need. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this year’s appeal to the best of your ability.

This year’s Christmas Fund Offering will be collected on Sunday, December 21st.



(O) CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

This year again, we will be ordering poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season. Plants will cost \$10 a piece. If you wish to order a plant in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out this order form and return to the church along with payment made to Presbyterian Church of Oronoco by Sunday December 7th. Plants will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 14th and can be picked up following Christmas Eve service.

Questions? See Carol Tiede or call Carol at 282-6273.

PLEASE ORDER _____ POINSETTIA PLANT(S)

IN HONOR
OF: _____

FROM: _____

PLEASE ORDER _____ POINSETTIA PLANT(S)

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OF: _____

FROM: _____

TOTAL # OF PLANTS ORDERED = _____

PAYMENT METHOD: _____ CHECK _____ CASH

(O/Z) Christmas Hymnsing

Everyone seems to have thoroughly enjoyed the hymnsings that we've had so far, so we're going to have a Christmastime hymnsing! Many (if not all) of us have a different favorite Christmas tune, and odds are they won't all make it into our Advent and Christmas Eve services (though hopefully some of them will). This will be our chance to come together and sing at least a verse or two of as many favorite Christmas hymns as we can in one service.

The Christmas hymnsing will be **Sun., Dec. 28** at both services.

(O) 2014 Per Capita Dues

For those who like to plan ahead, the per capita dues for 2014 will be \$32.52. Our church submits this payment for every member and you can help by donating a like amount. Note on your check that it is for per capita dues and the treasurer will take note.

(O) Ronald McDonald Busy Bags

Thank you to all who have donated to the 'busy bags'. Donations must be dropped off to the church by December 7th. Following worship on December 14th we will gather to assemble the bags to ready them for delivery.

(O) POC Holiday Bake Sale

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th, for our annual bake sale following worship. This is a chance to bake one recipe and bring home several varieties of baked goodies just in time for Christmas! Remember to bring baked items (or crafts, or jars of goodies) to donate for sale and bring your pocket book to stock up your cookie jar. All proceeds go to the POC outreach programs. If you have questions contact Brenda Longman at 951-2002 or Deb Nelson at 261-6425.

Readings for the Month of December

Sun., Dec. 7 – **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 11:6-11a; John 1:1-5, 9-14



Sun., Dec. 14 – **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Psalm 42; 1 John 4:7-21

Sun., Dec. 21 – **4th Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 9:2-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

Wed., Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve**
various readings

Sun., Dec. 28 – *Christmas hymnsing*

On a Cold Day, Some Years Ago



A little boy, about 10-years old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, "My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!"

"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get a half dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, you'll be more comfortable now."

As she turned to go, the astonished boy caught her by the hand, looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her, "Are you God's wife?"

(Z) Mission Outreach Opportunities

One important mission focus for our congregation is supporting food security in our local community and across our globe. We have good ways to contribute to fight hunger and provide reliable nutrition. Can you join these upcoming activities?

FOOD SHELF: There is too much need for weekly groceries for families in our agriculturally rich region of SE Minnesota. Your regular contributions of food and funds to the Zumbrota Food Shelf have a huge impact in meeting this growing need.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: We are scheduled to work filling food packages on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 3rd, with this respected international organization. Save the date to be part of our team of helpers. We will carpool for this outing. Watch for details.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Some of us serve as drivers on the Zumbrota route. We will have the chance to drive also for nearby Wanamingo folks in January and February. Are you available mid-day to greet homebound people with their hot meal? Do you have a reliable vehicle for wintry weather?

Questions? Ask the Mission Outreach Committee. "Thank You" for participating.

Carol Eick, Gary Ofstie, Jean Roth, Amy Tudor

(O) People of the Church Update

At a recent informal meeting of the congregation, recommendations were made for distribution of funds raised through POC and including funds from the church treasury which were designated for outreach.

The following were approved and have been submitted:

Students in Transition (a Rochester public school program to provide basic assistance for homeless students): \$300

Dorothy Day House (provides temporary housing and meals for the homeless): \$200

Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather the missionary family sponsored by our congregation: \$200

Join the Journey (provides emotional support and other services to breast cancer patients): \$100

St. Peter Regional Treatment Center (many of the mentally ill patients at St. Peter do not have family or friends to give them support. This gift will provide needed clothing, personal supplies and Christmas gifts for residents): \$200

Mission 21 (provides services to children being bought

and sold in the commercial sex trade in Rochester and statewide in an effort to restore the lives of child victims): \$200

Rochester Women's Shelter (provides emergency shelter and counseling to victims of domestic abuse): \$200

Previously this year, POC contributed to Pine Island Area Home Services (\$150), Rochester Women's Shelter (\$150), Students in Transition (\$150), Presbyterian Women's Missions (\$200) and \$100 was used by Pastor Lisa for a local outreach need.

Our grand total in giving so far this year is \$2,250. Thanks to all who supported our luncheons and bake sales and who contributed cash donations to make this outreach program possible.



(O/Z) Readers of OZ

The book discussion group has selected " The Greatest Prayer" by John Crossen for our December discussion. We will meet on Tues 12/9 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Rex and Lynn Wiederanders (40054 Highway 58 Boulevard, Goodhue). If you need directions give Rex or Lynn a call.

Publishers Weekly had this to say about our selection: "No prayer is better known in the Christian world than the Lord's Prayer, taught by Jesus to His disciples as they listened to Him preach about the Kingdom of God. Crossan, co-founder of The Jesus Seminar and acclaimed author of many works on the life and mission of Jesus Christ, writes to answer the question, "How can we who live today hear the words of the Lord's Prayer in ways that reflect the concerns of His immediate hearers and impact our lives 2,000 years later?" Delving deeply into the story of the Jewish nation in Jesus' time, Crossan shows how Jesus, couched in the words of this prayer, advises His followers to reject violent methods of resisting their Roman captors, and instead work for the coming of the Kingdom of God, the only way to achieve true freedom. The theme of nonviolence permeates this book and becomes the foundation for Crossan's understanding, not only of the Lord's Prayer, but also of a variety of extra-biblical sources he references to support his thesis. A fine effort by a fine scholar. "

December Birthdays

12/5 Lynn Wiederanders
Jonetta Rolland
Daphne Langbehn
12/7 Sandra Thomforde
12/12 Travis Hawley
12/17 Wendy Kylo
12/18 Jim McIntire
12/19 Don Ottman
12/20 Brandon Roth
12/27 Stacey Paulson
12/28 Freedom Hunt
12/30 Connie Wendt



In Our Prayers

The friends and family of Bev (Judy Wilder's sister-in-law), Joanne Schenck, Eunice Markham, Dick Wedge (Jim's brother), Dorothy French, Karen Vallejo, Nick Pahl, Ann Hawkins, the friends and family of Paulette Barnhart's as they mourn the loss of her mother.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Experience the Hope of Christmas!

with Nashville recording artist Mark Smeby & music from his Christmas CD.

Join us for service at 10:00am followed by the concert at 11:30am and then join us for the 12 soups of Christmas!

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
45 1st Ave NE, Oronoco, MN

A free will offering will be taken to support our outreach programs. www.marksmeby.com

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(Z) Debbie Floan
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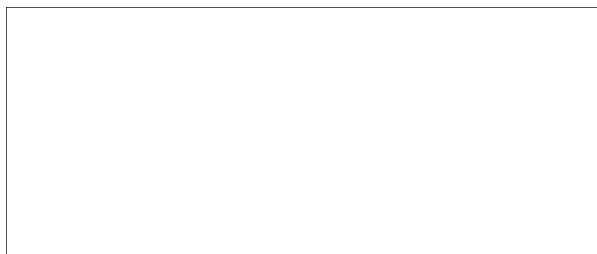
Tuesday in Oronoco 10:00-3:00
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Worship Times for the Month of December 2014

12/7 9:00 (O) 11:00 (Z)

12/14 9:00 (O) 11:00 (Z)

12/21 9:00 (O) 11:00 (Z)

12/28 9:00 (O) 11:00 (Z)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 12/24 (Z) 4:00 (O) 7:00

(O) Nursery for ages 6 weeks through pre-K provided during worship

(Z) Sunday school for all age levels is held at 10:15am

Reverend Lisa Johnson - Contact Information

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Email address: pastorlisaj@gmail.com

December 2014 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Monday, December 1

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 1:10–20
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Luke 20:1–8

Tuesday, December 2

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 1:21–31
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Luke 20:9–18

Wednesday, December 3

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 2:1–4
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Luke 20:19–26

Thursday, December 4

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Isa. 2:5–22
1 Thess. 3:1–13
Luke 20:27–40

Friday, December 5

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Isa. 3:1–4:1
1 Thess. 4:1–12
Luke 20:41–21:4

Saturday, December 6

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Isa. 4:2–6
1 Thess. 4:13–18
Luke 21:5–19

Sunday, December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 5:1–7
2 Peter 3:11–18
Luke 7:28–35

Monday, December 8

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 5:8–17
1 Thess. 5:1–11
Luke 21:20–28

Tuesday, December 9

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 5:18–25
1 Thess. 5:12–28
Luke 21:29–38

Wednesday, December 10

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 6:1–13
2 Thess. 1:1–12
John 7:53–8:11

Thursday, December 11

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Isa. 7:1–9
2 Thess. 2:1–12
Luke 22:1–13

Friday, December 12

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
Evening: Pss. 130; 16
Isa. 7:10–25
2 Thess. 2:13–3:5
Luke 22:14–30

Saturday, December 13

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
Evening: Pss. 80; 72
Isa. 8:1–15
2 Thess. 3:6–18
Luke 22:31–38

Sunday, December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent
Morning: Pss. 24; 150
Evening: Pss. 25; 110
Isa. 13:1–13
Heb. 12:18–29
John 3:22–30

Monday, December 15

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
Evening: Pss. 40; 67
Isa. 8:16–9:1
2 Peter 1:1–11
Luke 22:39–53

Tuesday, December 16

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
Evening: Pss. 85; 94
Isa. 9:2–7
2 Peter 1:12–21
Luke 22:54–69

Wednesday, December 17

Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 53; 17
Isa. 9:8–17
2 Peter 2:1–10a
Mark 1:1–8

Thursday, December 18

Morning: Pss. 18:1–20; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 62
Isa. 11:1–9
Eph. 6:10–20
John 3:16–21

Friday, December 19

Morning: Pss. 102; 148
 Evening: Pss. 130; 16
 Isa. 11:10–16
 Rev. 20:1–10
 John 5:30–47

Saturday, December 20

Morning: Pss. 90; 149
 Evening: Pss. 80; 72
 Isa. 28:9–22
 Rev. 20:11–21:8
 Luke 1:5–25

Sunday, December 21

4th Sunday of Advent
 Morning: Pss. 24; 150
 Evening: Pss. 25; 110
 Isa. 29:9–24
 Rev. 21:9–21
 Luke 1:26–38

Monday, December 22

Morning: Pss. 122; 145
 Evening: Pss. 40; 67
 Isa. 31:1–9
 Rev. 21:22–22:5
 Luke 1:39–48a (48b–56)

Tuesday, December 23

Morning: Pss. 33; 146
 Evening: Pss. 85; 94
 Isa. 33:17–22
 Rev. 22:6–11, 18–20
 Luke 1:57–66

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve
 Morning: Pss. 50; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 53; 17
 Isa. 35:1–10
 Rev. 22:12–17, 21
 Luke 1:67–80

Thursday, December 25

Nativity of Jesus Christ
 Christmas Day
 Morning: Pss. 2; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 98; 96
 Zech. 2:10–13
 1 John 4:7–16
 John 3:31–36

Friday, December 26

Morning: Pss. 116; 148
 Evening: Pss. 119:1–24; 27
 2 Chron. 24:17–22
 Acts 6:1–7
 Acts 7:59–8:8

Saturday, December 27

Morning: Pss. 34; 149
 Evening: Pss. 19; 121
 Prov. 8:22–30
 1 John 5:1–12
 John 13:20–35

Sunday, December 28

1st Sunday after Christmas Day
 Morning: Pss. 2; 150
 Evening: Pss. 110; 111
 Isa. 62:6–7, 10–12
 Heb. 2:10–18
 Matt. 1:18–25

Monday, December 29

Morning: Pss. 96; 145
 Evening: 132; 97
 Isa. 12:1–6
 Rev. 1:1–8
 John 7:37–52

Tuesday, December 30

Morning: Pss. 93; 146
 Evening: Ps. 89:1–18; 89:19–52
 Isa. 25:1–9
 Rev. 1:19–20
 John 7:53–8:11

Wednesday, December 31

Morning: Pss. 98; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 45; 96
 Isa. 26:1–6
 2 Cor. 5:16–6:2
 John 8:12–19



*Christmas Eve
 Services
 4PM in Zumbrota
 7 PM in Oronoco*