

Lord, send us out into your world  
as your change agents  
to help mold and remake the human condition,  
with your grace and your help.  
Let it be so in this age and forever more. Amen!

-- posted on the website of the First Christian Church of Decatur,

Sending Forth

Postlude



*Welcome to the Orwell  
Union Church*

January 05, 2024



### **Please pray for...**

Doug Marshall	Jim Crast
Pastor Dave and Sandy Snyder	Joe Cicon
Gary Kasler	Cindy Porter
Jeff Hall	Carl Johnson
Peggy Miller	Carol Garvin
Brenda Reynolds	Perry Adams
Linda Waggoner	Marie's Daughter
Brian Clark	Terry Ferguson
Josh's Uncle Kenny	Josh's Aunt Pat
Tony and Trudy Bush	Stu Yerdon
Barb and Dave Haynes	Theresa Ward
Claudette	Laura Potter
Preston Fountaine	Dick Skellington
Russel Sturtz	Eileen Jewell
Sharon Miller	Sandy Cicon
George Bush	Joe Vegan
<b>Steve Miller</b>	

**New Names are in Red**

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please write it down and give to Judy. Thank you

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Joys to Share, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**Passing of the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you  
**ALL: and also with you.**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Call to Worship: God comes! So don't let go  
of all the reasons to rejoice.

**We will sing a song of Advent  
to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

God comes! So don't stop  
lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**We will sing a song of Advent,  
to the One who hears our words and silence.**

God comes! So don't stop  
giving your hearts to God.

**We will sing a song of Advent  
to the One who graces us with a peace  
we cannot begin to understand.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies.**  
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

**Opening Prayer:**

"O God, you made of one blood, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples  
him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us to  
proclaim his presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may  
come to his light and bow before the brightness his rising, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn::** "What Child Is This" #219

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**Giving of Our Tithes and Gifts of Love**

*Noisy Can*

**Doxology**

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**Offertory Prayer:**

Knowing that many voices clamour and compete,  
we pray that these offerings given  
may become symbolic of our decision  
to serve one master, one God. Amen.

~ written by Katherine Hawker. Posted on Liturgies Outside.

**Children's Time: "Wherever we go, God is there."**

**Prayers for God's People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Responsive Reading:** *Psalm 72:1-7* #795

**\*Hymn:** "We Three Kings" #254

**Old Testament:**

**New Testament**

**Gospel:** *Matthew 2:1-12*

**Message:** "Epiphany"

**Communion Hymn:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206 v1  
Preparing Your Hearts for Communion  
Prelude/Handing Out Elements

**Holy Communion:**

**Closing Hymn:** "The First Noel" #245

**Benediction; (responsive)** (inspired by Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:1-11)

We came to this sacred space  
to celebrate and affirm that the Lord is like a potter,  
making and reshaping us into God's image  
to be and share the Good News.