We exist to proclaim the excellencies of Jesus Christ in word and deed, by the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God the Father



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Prelude

Call To Worship

Congregational Worship

Hope Has Come Altrogge
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Wesley
Come Emmanuel Paris

Pastoral Reading & Prayer

Congregational Worship

For God Alone I Wait Woods

Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Shive/Getty

Sermon Pastor Stephen Lonetti

Congregational Worship

Your Name (Christmas Version) Baloche/Packiam

Benediction

leadership

Any of our church leaders stand ready to talk with you or answer your questions! Please feel free to contact any of us with questions, comments, ideas, or feedback. Email: info@beaconforthecity.org

Elders: Pastor Stephen Lonetti,

Cha Lo, Marlin Jones, Gregg Clemons

Pastoral Intern: Gregg Clemons

Deacons: Brandyn Dykstra, Curtis Gabrielson, Jeremiah Johnson, Ben Olsen, Dave Pederson,

Michael Pelton, Jonah White Facility Manager: Ben Olsen

Event Administrator: Brandyn Dykstra

Financial Year-to-Date Update

Offering through November 24, 2024 YTD Giving: \$ 508,374 YTD Budget: \$ 520,384 BELOW Budget: \$ -12,010

this week

This Sunday

Coffee and Fellowship 8:30 am Sunday School/Fellowship Groups 9:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am Cantata Practice 4:00-5:45 pm

Monday

Trail Life 6:30-8:00 pm

Next Sunday

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announcements

CANTATA RECEPTION SIGN UP:

Beacon's Annual Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 15, 6:30 PM, followed by a reception. Please sign-up to bring your favorite Christmas Cookie or Bar today – Sunday, December 8, at the Lobby table. Please see Jody for more information.

HOLIDAY BREAK SCHEDULE:

During the busy Holiday Season Beacon takes a break from the following activities:

ADVENTURE CLUB: will resume WED 8 JAN 2025 MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Women will resume WED 8 JAN 2025 / Men will resume WED 15 JAN 2025. SUNDAY SCHOOL & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Will not meet SUN 22 DEC or SUN 29 DEC.

MERRY CHRISTMAS BEACON FAMILY:

It is the season for our Annual Christmas Toy Drive, *now until December 24.*

We are all acutely aware of economic hardships these days but choose to remember those in our neighborhood with even greater needs. Please consider donating an extra gift or three for this year's event

All gifts must be UNWRAPPED, NEW and IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING for obvious safety concerns.

Our Annual Toy Drive provides toys from **tots to teens** and are in direct support to the Eastside Salvation Army for distribution. Please consider making your toy donation earlier so the kids can enjoy seeing gifts under the tree!

WINTER 2025 AROUND-THE-TABLE:

This is a great opportunity to get to know others in a more casual relaxed setting. This runs January – March 2025. Please sign up today – Sunday, DEC 22, electronically using the QR code below, or on the Lobby Poster. For more information, please see Jody.

POINSETTIA SIGN UP BEGINS TODAY:

During the Holiday Season we like to beautify our Sanctuary with poinsettias. You may purchase a 6.5" plant for \$15 beginning today – Sunday, DEC 22. You may take your plant home following the Christmas Eve service. Please use the QR Code below, or on the Lobby Poster to register and pay via credit or debit card.



sermon notes

THE SOFT SHATTERING OF GOD'S SILENCE LUKE 1:5-38

- I A DIVINE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZACHARIAS (1:5-25)
 - A. ZACHARIAS & ELIZABETH (5-7)
 - B. THE PRIVILEGE AND THE PROMISE (8-17)
 - C. THE STUMBLE INTO SILENCE (18-25)

- II. A DIVINE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY (1:26-38)
 - A. GABRIEL VISITS MARY (26-29)
 - B. A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUESTIONS OF ZACHARIAS & MARY (30-37)

C. MARY'S FINAL RESPONSE (38)