

## POINSETTIA PLANTS



### ***IN HONOR OF:***

- \*Christy Miller for Jessica, Jen, Jodi and Jalynn Miller**
- \*Margaret and Richard Wagner for James Miles Falls and Tristan Blazer, their grandchildren**
- \*Pat Newgard for Mabel Burkhardt, Pat's mother**
- \*Lynn and ArNetta Monge for Arnold and LaVera Homme, ArNetta's parents**
- \*Bonnie Christopherson for Family and Friends**

### ***IN MEMORY OF:***

- \*Lee Jensen for Betty Jensen and Sandra Jensen Camras**
- \*Lynn & ArNetta Monge for Francis & Gordon Monge, Lynn's Parents**
- \*Jim Enkers Family for Harold & Agnes Krier and Duane Enkers**
- \*Christy Miller for Bob Ehrens**
- \*Ardis Severson for Milton Severson**
- \*Delores Enkers for Duane E. Enkers**
- \*Denaë Burkhardt for William Engelhardt, Denaë's Dad**
- \*Pat Newgard for Les Burkhardt, Pat's father**
- \*Al & Geraine Maksymchuk for Loved Ones**
- \*Bill and Carol Krogen for Mary Ann Held, Ernie Dahl and Roger Farrell**
- \*JoAnn Oelke for Eugene Oelke**

***Thank you to everyone who purchased Poinsettia plants.***

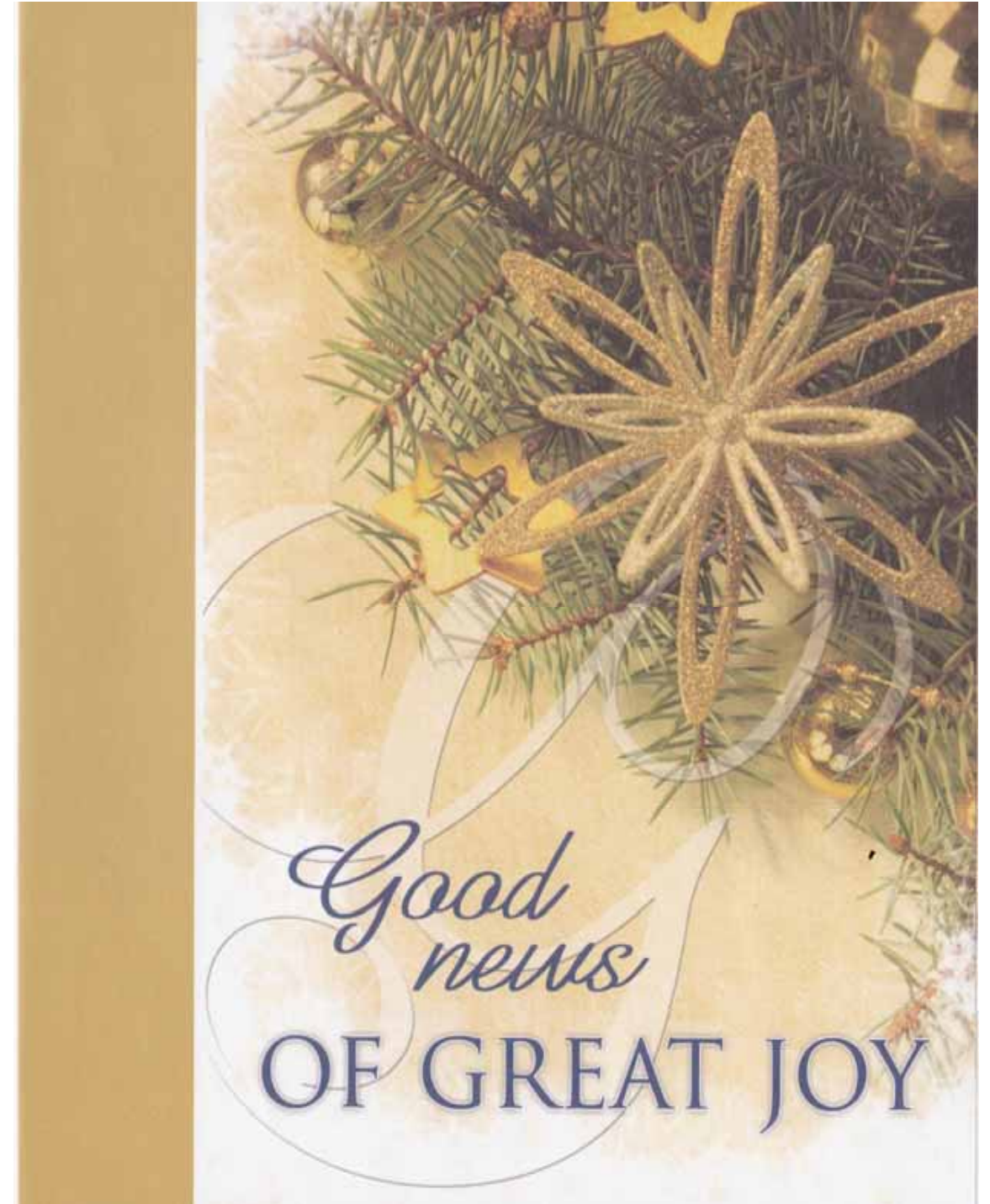
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM

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The Church of the Neighborhood  
Making Disciples of Christ to Transform the World.

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship  
**Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

**CALL TO WORSHIP: #234 (Blue Hymnal) vv. 1 & 3**

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

God of every nation and people, you have always chosen to love us.

**We clearly needed a Savior and you sent your Son—a baby, born to Mary.**

Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us, you offered us joy, peace, justice, mercy and love.

**Lord, bless all who look upon this candle.**

Bless all who come near the manger this night.

**Let the message of light and love, the message of God caring for us as we care  
for the most vulnerable, touch our hearts anew tonight.**

We still seek to be transformed by the light of the world.

**Let the Christ candle burn as a sign: we seek to live and love like Jesus. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: # 218 (Blue Hymnal) “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:1-12 (NRSV) Stephanie Grow**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:”O Holy Night” - Arr. Adolphe Charles Adams**

**Sharon Fangsrud, Soprano, Kay Forkner, Violin, Mark Forkner, Piano**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV) Dan Graning**

**HYMN:- “Away in a Manger” - Ella Fangsrud and Olivia Larson**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV) Dan Graning**

**HYMN: # 220 (Blue Hymnal) “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**MESSAGE: “Shine in the Darkness”**

**“HYMN: #240 (Blue Hymnal) “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

**SHARING OF JOYS, AND CONCERNS**

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it  
about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

**PRAYERS:**

**LORDS PRAYER #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

**OFFERTORY:**

To worship God is to serve God and neighbor. May our gifts flow from faithful hearts and become blessing for others.

**\*DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER:**

**Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus you gave yourself to the world. Grant that,  
being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sin and restore within us  
the image and likeness of the God who made us. We offer God our everlasting  
praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: - #239 (Blue Hymnal) “Silent Night”**

(As we dim the lights, the candle light will be shared by the ushers. Please share the light with your neighbor.)

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING:**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Organist: Mark Forkner**

**Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Readers: Stephanie Grow and Dan Graning**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Violinist: Kay Forkner**

**Choir Director: Kyle Schwartz**