

# An Order for the Worship of God

December 15, 2024

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** – Allen and Lee Fritz

\*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 12 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

**For the Lord God is my strength and my might, and  
has become my salvation.**

With joy you will give thanks to the Lord and call on God's  
name.

**We will sing you our praises, O God, for you have done  
glorious things.**

Let us worship God!

\*Opening Hymn: #116, While by My Sheep, v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**You put a glad song on our lips, O God of salvation, for in  
you we can trust and not be afraid. In Christ is announced  
our source of deliverance; through him the lame walk and  
the outcast are praised. Soon you will gather your people for  
a festival of salvation; we assemble now in Christ's name to  
rejoice and boast of your goodness. For we ask this in the  
name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to  
pray: "Our Father ...(debts/debtors)**

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 .....832 (1830)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18 .....726 (1593)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform  
our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.**

Sermon: The Message of John

\*Responsive Hymn: #97, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer**

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our tithes, gifts, and  
offerings.

\*Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer:

**Thank you for giving us the opportunity to give, which we do  
with joyful, grateful hearts. We look at the needs of the  
world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast,  
gifts that grow in your kingdom, bringing a rich harvest of  
righteousness. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: #85, Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates,  
v. 1-3

Benediction

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of  
Christ. Amen.**

\*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



## Bearing the Fruit of Repentance

Luke 3:7-18

### Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Liturgist  
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Jerry Eisner  
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**Welcome Visitors!** Thank you for joining this congregation for worship this morning. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in all functions of the church including communion and fellowship. Please pick up a *Welcome!* Folder as you exit the church to learn more about the offerings of St. Jacobi Congregational Church!  
We are happy you are here!

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