

# Welcome

December 11, 2016 8:00 & 11:00 am

Welcome Singing "Trading My Sorrows"  
"Joy of the Lord"

Unison Call To Worship (NIV)  
Galatians 5:22-23a  
"But the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control."

Invocation  
Receiving of His Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings  
Special Music (1) Annie Littlejohn  
(2) Choir

Children's Sermon

Family Schedule & Family Concerns  
Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Service of Advent (1) Bill & Marcy Stevens  
(2) Ron & Stacy Goad Family

Congregational Singing #181 "Joy to the World"

"Advent – The Gift of Joy"  
Nehemiah 8:9-10  
(Page 348 or 479 in the pew Bibles)

Congregational Song #13 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Anyone being led to take a step of faith, or who wants to be prayed for, is encouraged to come forward during the closing song.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Raise the Roof & RMMO Offering  
8:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service,  
9:30 am Sunday School All Ages  
10:00 am Spanish Bible Study  
2:00 pm Youth Praise Band  
5:00 pm Radio Broadcast on KGFW  
5:00 pm Congregation Meeting, bring cookies to share  
Budget & Nominations

### MONDAY, Dec. 12, 2016,

9:00 am Senior Adult Walk  
9:30 am Ladies Prayer Time  
12:00 pm Men's Basketball  
5:30 pm ELL Class  
6:50 pm SOS Support Group

### TUESDAY, Dec. 13, 2016,

5:30 pm ELL Class  
6:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program  
6:30 pm Planning & Construction Committee  
7:00 pm Rebekah Anna Circle  
7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, 2016,

9:00 am Senior Adult Walk  
6:30 pm Christmas Program  
Bring a dozen cookies to share

### THURSDAY, Dec. 15, 2016, Jan. Newsletter Items Due!

9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Bloodmobile  
5:00 pm Jubilee Supper  
7:00 pm Sarah Circle

### FRIDAY, Dec. 16, 2016,

9:00 am Senior Adult Walk  
12:00 pm Men's Basketball

### SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 2016,

7:30 am Men's Breakfast

### NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 18, 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Baby's First Christmas  
8:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service,  
9:30 am Sunday School All Ages  
10:00 am Spanish Bible Study  
2:00 – 9:00 pm Upward Practices  
5:00 pm Radio Broadcast on KGFW  
6:00 pm Caroling at the Jail

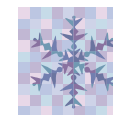
**The Flowers are provided by** Norm & Joleen Hicken in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Doug & Robbie Samuelson in celebration of Jordan's birthday and John, Alisha & Sadie Cartmill in loving memory of the baby that was lost.

**The Radio Broadcast is sponsored Anonymously.**  
More sponsors are needed for the Radio Broadcast – please consider a gift



Ringing the Bells  
at Hobby Lobby  
December 12 – 17  
4-8 pm  
Sign up on the Bulletin  
Board in the Narthex.

If you could help scoop  
snow at the church this  
winter, please call  
Dustin Rohde  
at 627-4278.



### Family Concerns and Praises for Dec. 11, 2016

Eleanor Karg	Caleb Bisbee	Beth Petersen
Hunter Thayer	Karen Vogt	Illene Drake
Isaiah Bauer	Norma Slaughter	
Ona Mae Wenig	Phyllis Duncan	Marco Morales
Cliff Blythe	Dennis LaFollette	Terri Lind
Ron Goad	Doug & Jan Peterson	
Family of Paul Welter		

### Dec. Memory Verse: Luke 2:10b-11

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

**Notice: Parents need to provide the guardian receipt when picking up children from the nursery.**

**Christmas Care Tree** is in the Narthex. Choose a card, write your name next to the number and return the card & gift, unwrapped by December 18. Call Val Gwin with questions 390-9861.



It is Church Directory Update time again. Please mark Registration sheets with any changes to your address, phone #, or emails and birthdates, if I don't already have them. THANKS!

Boards, Committees, and Ministries – Your annual reports are needed by Jan. 1. Please email them to [secretary@kearneyfb.org](mailto:secretary@kearneyfb.org)

**Reminder - You are invited to experience Christmas Caroling at the Jail, December 18 at 6:00 pm.**

## Finance Report

Needed in Dec..	\$61,569
Rec'd thru Dec. 4	\$38,868
Balance Needed	\$22,701

WORSHIP SERVICES	(1) 8:00 am	(2) 11:00 am
INFO DESK	Alayna Pedersen	Elaine Siminoe
GREETERS	Jeff & Pam Smaha Kris, Becky & Conner Pedersen Gary Hansen Sally McCann	Cody Tucker & Jordan Samuelson Carolyn McCurry & Sue May Al Halstead Karen Triplett
PIANISTS	Kris Hughbanks, Lois Dael Enid Hansen	Jennifer Liljehorn, Judy Kimball
SONG LEADER	Mark Liljehorn	Mark Liljehorn

## “Advent – The Gift of Joy”

Nehemiah 8:9-10

December 11, 2016

*May you be blessed by the Word –*

v. 9 Then

Nehemiah the governor,  
Ezra the priest and scribe,  
and the Levites who were instructing...  
“This day is sacred to the LORD your God.  
Do not mourn or weep.”

v. 10 “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks,  
and send some to those who have nothing...  
This day is sacred to our LORD.  
Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD...”

We have a “blended” worship service because God is the God of all ages. This is reflected in the various parts of our worship service, and the variety of music.

*“Trading My Sorrows”* was initiated as an ad-lib moment at a church service in 1997, where Darrell Evans and his worship team were providing a worshipful atmosphere for the congregation to pray. People were at the altar praying in what he describes as a very tender moment. During this time, Darrell began to think about his own life. What would he be bringing to the cross? “I got the picture of myself, too, on my knees at the cross. What would I be laying down in my own life?” he recalls. “The initial ideas of my sorrows and shame, and sickness and pain were rolling around in me—especially shame. That was a big one, as I thought about my own failures and mistakes in life. I thought, Man, I’d like to trade those things in. And so I began singing that, which became the opening lines to the song.”

*“Joy of the Lord”* – by Rend Collective and Ed Cash. This song combines Scripture with Irish folk inclinations. The strength of the song is its passionate declaration of trust in a God who will see us through our trial and tribulations.

*“Joy to the World”* – written by Isaac Watt’s desire to bring Christian music to the common man. He based this song on Psalm 98, and it was not written as a Christmas song!

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* – written by Henry van Dyke while serving as a guest pastor at Williams College in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. He was so moved by the beauty of God’s creation that he wrote this hymn of joy. The next morning he handed the poem to the college president. He said, “It must be sung to the music of Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy.’”



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## First Baptist Church

Pastor Stan Murdoch

Pastor Sean Dougherty

Pastor Kevin Holloway - Youth

Pastor Zach Ondrak – UNK/RWF

Angie McDermott – Counselor