

## **PRAYERS for December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent**

**Worship Assistant:** As we await the coming of our Savior in mercy and majesty, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, as we continue our Advent journey, let this truly be a time to ready ourselves for the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We come together today with one voice to honor Your power, Your love, and Your kingdom. Let us rejoice often, pray without ceasing, and give thanks to You for judging Your people with righteousness. Let each of our lives be a testimony to Your love and Your grace. Blessed are You, blessed is Your Holy Name, and may the whole earth be filled with Your glory.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, You raised up John the Baptist to witness to the coming of the Messiah. As we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Your Son, help us recognize the signs and be ready when our Lord and Savior comes back again. Help our families at Word of God joyfully follow the road to Bethlehem, welcome others as Christ has welcomed us, show love for one another in our words and in our actions, and look forward to the gracious coming of the Christ Child.

**Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Lord Jesus, Blessed Savior, fill the earth with Your knowledge, as the waters cover the sea. Come to the hearts of men and women and fill them with the wonderful truth of Your Gospel. We are daily surrounded by those who doubt You and would cause us to lose hope. Deepen our faith and remind us of Your eternal truth. We know that You have not forgotten Your promises. Help us be patient for Your will to be done. Help us be patient as we do Your work and minister to others. Thank You for giving us the resources to buy gifts for the residents of Southland, fill food bags for the Real Life Center, and donate baby clothes to the newborns in Honduras. Lord, You have no physical body on this earth; use ours. You have no physical hands on this earth; use ours.

**Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** God of hope, so many people are in need of Your help this week. We humbly ask for Your healing hand upon all who are suffering illness, injury, loneliness, anxiety, or depression. It is through Your Spirit that we can find comfort and know that we never walk alone. We are filled with joy today as we welcome the Kusmierczyk family, the McAteer family, the Wendell family, and Nicholas Skowronek into our Word of God church. Let them always know that they are treasured in this fellowship of believers. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and family members who are on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

**(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Protecting God, we ask You to strengthen, shield, and guide our police who serve and protect others, our military who defend our liberties, and our leaders who need to work to establish peace and freedom here in our country. Reassure those whose loved ones are with You in heaven and bring them peace knowing that the deceased are sharing in the joy of being with Jesus. **Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**