

Poinsettias and more... Order 2018

Our Church will be decorated with a grand array of poinsettias and wreaths for the Christmas season. If you wish to donate plants or wreaths to decorate the church, please complete this form and either place in the Flower Committee mailbox or give to a Flower Committee member.

The cost of each poinsettia plant will be \$12.00. Wreaths, which will remain up for the holiday season, will be \$10.00. Checks made payable to Elijah Kellogg Church should be received by **noon Wednesday, December 12th**. You can pick up your poinsettia in the sanctuary after the Christmas services.

I would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s) to beautify the sanctuary.

Poinsettia color choice: Red \_\_\_\_\_  
White \_\_\_\_\_  
Pink \_\_\_\_\_  
No color preference \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate \_\_\_\_\_wreath(s).

Please list in the bulletin as follows:

In loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please contact a Flower Committee member:  
Kay Hunter, Patty O'Brien Carrier, Elizabeth Dyer,  
Mickey Maidl, Linda Clement, Joan Phillips.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 09: 10 am - Service  
11:15 am - Choir practice  
Monday, Dec. 10: 7 pm - Trustees' Meeting  
Wednesday, Dec. 12: 2:30 pm - Interstate Lobster Mtg., Fellowship Hall  
Thursday, Dec. 13: 11 am - Bible Study, parlor  
12:15 pm - Harpswell Garden Club, Fellowship Hall  
7 pm - Finance Meeting  
Friday, Dec. 14: 10 am - Missions Meeting

Do you have a bulletin announcement? Please submit it by Wednesday, 9 am, the week before.  
Email to: [adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org](mailto:adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org). Thank you.



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Sunday Service  
December 09, 2018

Welcome to Elijah Kellogg Church! We are glad that you could be with us this morning!

Please let us know how we can be of service to you. Feel free to fill out an information card found in the pew, and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School for young children is provided. Child care for small children is available.

Please join us for our Coffee Hour following the morning service.

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Introit and Quieting our Hearts for Worship

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive) from Isaiah 40

Comfort, comfort, O my people,  
says your God.

**Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and  
cry to her that her warfare is ended.**

That she has served her term.  
That her penalty is paid.

**That she has received from the  
Lord's hand double for all her sins.**

Service

**\*Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (in Unison)**  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn 228 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

Advent Candles  
Reading  
Response - **On this day, we remember God is Love.**  
Light the LOVE candle  
Hymn # 128 “One Candle is Lit”, vs.2 (see page 7)

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School.  
Child care for young children is available.)

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 Pew Bible, p. 778

**Responsive Reading from Isaiah 40**

A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way of the Lord!”

**“Make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.”**

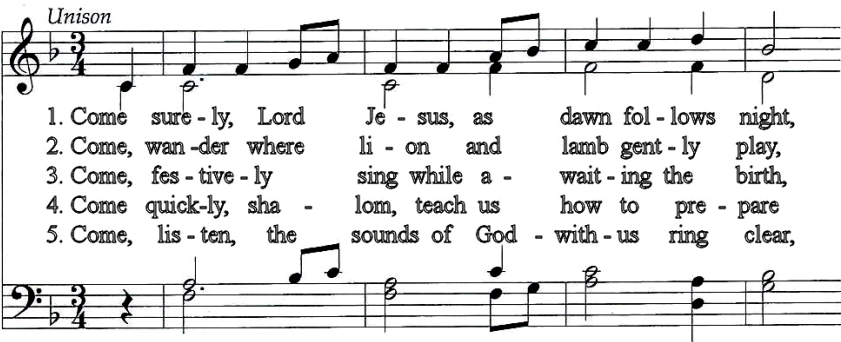
Every valley shall be lifted up; every  
mountain and hill be made low.

**Uneven ground will be leveled,  
and rough places become smooth.**

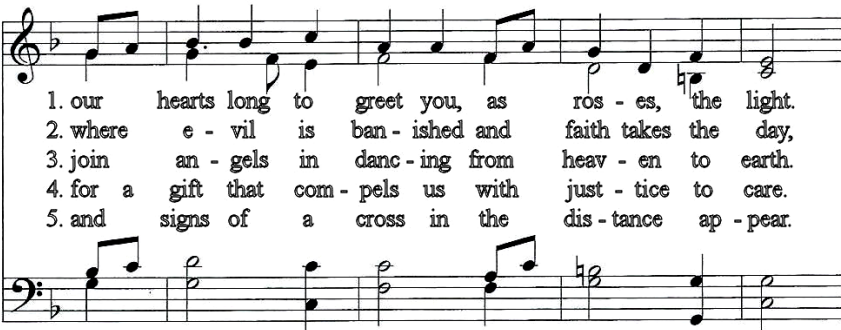
The glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
**and all people will see it together.**

128 One Candle Is Lit

Unison



1. Come sure - ly, Lord Je - sus, as dawn fol - lows night,  
2. Come, wan - der where li - on and lamb gent - ly play,  
3. Come, fes - tive - ly sing while a - wait - ing the birth,  
4. Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare  
5. Come, lis - ten, the sounds of God - with - us ring clear,



1. our hearts long to greet you, as ros - es, the light.  
2. where e - vil is ban - ished and faith takes the day,  
3. join an - gels in danc - ing from heav - en to earth.  
4. for a gift that com - pels us with just - tice to care.  
5. and signs of a cross in the dis - tance ap - pear.



1. Sal - va - tion, draw near us, our vi - sion en - gage.  
2. a babe in a man - ger to fool the world's eyes.  
3. Wave ban - ners of good news, lift high thank - ful praise.  
4. Our spir - its are rest - less till sin and war cease.  
5. The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ev - er near.



1. One can - dle is lit for the hope of the age.  
2. One can - dle is lit for God's lov - ing sur - prise.  
3. One can - dle is lit for the joy of these days.  
4. One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.  
5. One can - dle is lit for the Christ - birth - day here.



## Service

### **\*Gloria Patri 513**

Anthem "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"  
(Joseph Martin)

Second Lesson Luke 3:1-6, (7-18) Pew Bible, p. 834

Sermon "What shall we do?"

### **\*Hymn 115 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

Prayers of the People  
Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
Choral Response

Call to Giving  
Offertory  
**\*Doxology 515**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **\*Hymn 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

### **\*Benediction**

Choral Blessing

Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand.



Serving You this Morning

Minister	Rev. John Carson
Christian Education Director	Denise Perry
Pianist	Clarissa Brown
Choir Director	Sue Luce
Greeters	Bill & Kay Hunter
Ushers	Elizabeth & Art Dyer
Reader	Ruth Smith
Nursery Attendants	Kathe Chipman
Trustee	Chris McIntire, 833-3399
Hospitality	The Van Dammes & The Phinneys



*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Bob Horton from Blee Horton and family.*

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Notes & News

**Poinsettia & Wreath orders** are due by this Wednesday at noon.

**Bible Study** meets Thursdays at 11 am in the parlor. Please join us!

**Music Sunday is next week!** Please join us at 10 am for our musical celebration of Christmas!!

**Greeters for December 16:** Bruce & Pat Myer

**Ushers for December 16:** Patty & Paul O'Brien Carrier

**December's Food Bank** donation is Canned Soup.

**The Deacon's would like to thank** our Congregation, and friends of the Kellogg Church, for your very generous donations to our Deacon's Fund. We were able to supply 20 Harpswell families with \$50 gift cards to help with their Thanksgiving dinner. When the gift cards were delivered to the Harpswell Community School, they were overwhelmed with our generosity to support local. So, thank you to all that have donated, and we are still accepting donations to build our fund if you are interested. In God's love, Carrie, Elly, Susan W., Dick, Signe, Paul, Chris, and Sharon.

**The Salvation Army Wish Tree** - Thanks to all who took gift cards to purchase Christmas presents for area children in need. Remember that gifts should be unwrapped and placed under the tree **before this Friday, December 14**. Please attach your "wish card" to your gifts. Have fun shopping and thank you for your generosity! The Board of Missions

Faith & Family

*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*

**Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent.** The Skinner family will light the candle of LOVE.

**We will be collecting donations** for Church World Service Blankets+ Project throughout the Christmas season. Help share God's love by providing CWS Blankets to those in need. Each blanket costs only \$10, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth, and encouragement. Donation envelopes are available in each pew, also in the church office.

**Christmas cards are available** on the mission table. Please consider sending Beatriz a little Christmas cheer by filling out one of the blank cards. A package, filled with all the cards, will be mailed to the Philippines tomorrow, Dec. 10th.

**Don't forget to grab your Clynk bag & recycle your returnable bottles/cans for Beatriz!**