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WITMER HEIGHTS
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December 4, 2022

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader – Jeff Hoffer
Song Leader – Jan Hoffer
Message – Chuck Snyder
Interpreter – Nancy Snyder
Greeter/Usher – Nelson Gehman

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 4, 18, and 25 – Chuck Snyder will preach/share during FD worship.
Dec. 4 – S.S. hour at 10:45 am.
Dec. 4 – First Deaf Inc. Business meeting at end of WH worship service.
Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Bible study on Zoom. 7:00 pm. Zoom opens at 6:30 pm.
Dec. 8 – First Deaf Leadership meeting at church 6:30 pm. (rescheduled from 12/1)
Dec. 11 – Annual combined FD/WH Christmas Breakfast and Program
Dec. 11 and 25 – No Sunday school.

FIRST DEAF AND WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS

-Immediately following our worship service today there will be a FDMC Inc. business meeting. The 2023 budget will be presented and the board will seek congregational approval. The First Deaf members will leave and the Witmer Heights congregation will have a time to affirm a 2 year term for Pastor Steve (August 2023 through June 2025). This needs to be done according to the initial covenant between the congregation and Steve. Future covenants do not go to the entire congregation but are an agreement made between the elder team and Steve.

December 4 context Question: What do you need to clean or discard as you prepare for this different kind of king?

Next Sunday, December 11 is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. As we gather for the combined Christmas program the theme will be one of encouragement. We can be strong because the one who can truly restore us is coming. We have hope because of what we have already seen and new discoveries we are making about the Savior. The drama will be one story of encouragement. Do you have others?
Scriptures for the Week: Isaiah 35:1–10; Ps 146:5–10; James 5:7–10; Matt. 11:2–11.

-Give all announcements to worship leader before the service begins.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – November 27

Offerings/General Fund
First Deaf \$ 608.00
Witmer Heights \$2,684.00

Attendance/Worship
First Deaf – 21
Witmer Heights – 67

December 4, 2022

Witmer Heights Worship – 10:40 a.m.

Advent Theme: Restoration is Near

Focus Statement: In a world where power holds sway, Jesus will judge differently. We are called to prepare the way for this new kind of ruler. This calls for repentance and truth-telling.

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Candle Lighting
Focus Statement
Call to Worship
Singing together

We Listen for God’s Voice

Children Dismissed for Children’s Church
Time to Pause
Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13
Sermon: “Prepare the Way of the Lord.”

We Respond to God

Response Song
Offering Blessing*
Sharing and Prayer

God Sends Us Out

Sending Song
Benediction

*Place offerings in box on table in back of sanctuary.

Worship Service Participants

Prelude: Jan Mast **Song Leader:** Clair Kauffman
Worship Leader: Shelby Swartley **Children’s Time:** Jan Mast
Preacher: Steve Musselman

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 4 – First Deaf Inc. business meeting immediately after WH worship service
Dec. 6 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 am.
Dec. 11 – Christmas Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. Christmas Program – 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 16 – 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service here at Witmer Heights.