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**December 3, 2023**

**First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader** –Jeff Hoffer  
**Song Leader** –Henry Deller  
**Message** –Chuck Snyder  
**Interpreter** –Nancy Snyder  
**Greeter/Usher** –Bradley Martin

**First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar**

Dec. 3, 17, 24, 31 – Chuck Snyder will share/preach to First Deaf congregation.  
Dec. 3, 17, 24, 31 – S.S.in Room 12 at 10:45 am.  
Dec. 3 – First Deaf Inc. Business meeting after WH worship.  
Dec. 6, 13, 20, 31 – Bible study on Zoom – 7 pm (open at 6:30 pm.)  
Dec. 10 – Christmas breakfast by WH – 8:30 am.Christmas program by FD – 10 am.

**FIRST DEAF NEWS**

~NOTE: Sunday sermons are uploaded to YouTube weekly. Go to the church website <https://firstdeafmc.wordpress.com/> for the link.

**WITMER HEIGHTS NEWS**

~Plan to stay for the short business meeting following the Witmer Heights worship service today.

**On Friday, December 15 at 7pm**, Witmer Heights is hosting a Blue Christmas Service providing God's comfort and hope to those hurting during the holiday season due to grief or struggles of many kinds. Be ready to invite someone who may benefit from this worship service of reflective songs, readings, and prayers. Invitations are available to pick up.

~The Parent & Preschool Center is happy to announce that we are selling Highland Car Wash tickets just in time for the winter season. Car wash tickets are great gifts for neighbors, employees, family, friends, and teachers. **Last call...Tickets will be available from Velma Magill today, December 3.** Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser and supporting our ministry!

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – November 26**

**Offerings/General Fund**

First Deaf \$900.00  
Witmer Heights \$3,286.25  
Tanzania Project \$ 150.00

**Attendance/Worship**

First Deaf –20  
Witmer Heights –57

**December 2023**

**Witmer Heights Worship – 10:40 a.m.**

**Advent Theme: How will we know...how long?**

**Summary statement:** In our Scriptures, we hear the stories of those who have been waiting, waiting, waiting to hear from God, who have felt the silence of God as they long for restoration, for vindication, for hope. We, too, have been those who wait. When we watch the news, when we hear of wars and rumors of war, when children don't have enough to eat, when cancers and illnesses impact lives, we cry out with our spiritual ancestors, "How long, O Lord?" How long must we wait?

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Reading of Summary Statement  
Light Advent Candles  
Call to Worship  
Singing together  
Drama Readings

**We Listen for God's Voice**

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Sermon: "How Will We Know...How Long?"

**We Respond to God**

Response Song  
Offering Blessing  
Sharing and Prayer

**God Sends Us Out**

Sending Song  
Benediction (Candle Litany) and extinguishing candles

**Worship Service Participants**

**Prelude:** Recorded Music **Song Leader:** Shelby Swartley  
**Drama Readers:** Paul Zehr and Judy Stoltzfus  
**Worship Leader:** Jan Mast **Preacher:** Steve Musselman  
**Greeters:** John and Mim Buckwalter

**Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

December 3 – First Deaf Inc. Business meeting after WH worship  
December 5 – Prayer meeting at church in room next to the office. – 8:30-9:30  
December 10 – Christmas Breakfast – 8:30 am Christmas Program. - 10:00 am.  
December 15 – Blue Christmas program – Friday at 7:00 pm.