



**VINJE**

DECEMBER 13, 2023

6:00 PM

gathering

**SONG**

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Now is the time when we hear the old story  
Of God's love born into this world.*

*Now is the time when we watch and wait  
For God's hope to break into our lives again.*

*Now is the time when we sing the old songs  
Of God's comfort and joy given for all.*

*Now is the time when we prepare our hearts, our homes, and our lives  
And we share God's light and God's love with each other.*

*In this season of Advent, we hear the story of the God who is with us, our Emmanuel. And here, today, God's story becomes our story, as God says to each one of us: you are not alone. I love you, I am with you, and you are mine. In Jesus' name.*

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

SHINE ON US

**SONG & OFFERING**

JOY TO THE WORLD

*welcome...we're glad you're here!*

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE**

LUKE 2:25-37  
 A WEARY WORLD REJOICES...  
 LOVE/GRIEF  
 PASTOR JUSTIN

**SONG**

AWAY IN A MANGER



"GRIEF ONLY  
 EXISTS WHERE  
 LOVE LIVED  
 FIRST."

-FRANCESCA COX

*At Vinje, we believe all  
 people are welcome  
 at the Lord's Table  
 regardless of any  
 circumstance.*

**COMMUNION****LORD'S PRAYER**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
 the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen

**SONG**

PEACE BE STILL

**SONG**

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

**BLESSING**

*Go now to live in the joy of this season, knowing that  
 God's peace is with you  
 God's love is all around you  
 God's hope is just ahead of you  
 And God is always with you.  
 In Jesus' name.*

**Amen.**

**SONG**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace, God's love is on the way.  
 Thanks be to God.*

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

### PASTORS

Justin Ask  
Dane Skilbred

### MUSICIANS

Lily Sargent  
Wednesday Live! Kids

### NURSERY

Tayva Leikvold  
Harper Wilson

### VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

### SLIDES

Easton Munsterman

### USHERS

Confirmation Students

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## Remember in Prayer

We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

### RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Don Handahl, Marvin Turnipseed, Jim Loehr, Karen Wiehr, Sonja Westre, Kathy Hund, Lane Leedah, Mona Welker

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Merle Berkeland, Shirley Brandt, Ted Olson, Trevor Hansen, Randy Patton

### BEREAVED

Kevin and Sandy Unger following the death of Sandy's dad, James Loehr on December 8.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin, broadcast, bus, or coffee.

**Sponsors are needed for 2024! Please call or email the church office to reserve your dates. Thanks!**

## THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee are sponsored by **Rolf and Joyce Standfuss in memory of their parents.**



## Christmas at Vinje

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 4 PM

Join with the choirs, hand bell choir and Wednesday Live! students as we share the story of the first Christmas through favorite Christmas songs and scripture.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9:30 am Piano led worship including Christmas hymn sing and communion. Pastor Dane preaching.
- 3 pm Wednesday Live! Kids singing. Modern worship service led by Praise Team. Service includes candle lighting and communion. Pastor Justin preaching.
- 5 pm Traditional worship service with organ and special music by Vinje Choir. Service includes candle lighting and communion. Pastor Justin preaching.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!

We hope you'll join us after worship for a (30 minute!) congregational meeting focused on strategic planning around Vinje's purpose and mission.



## SHARE A CHRISTMAS GREETING WITH YOUR VINJE FAMILY!

We'd love to include your family's Christmas card on the bulletin board in the entry way! If you'd like, please bring one with you and put it on the bulletin board to share. Thanks!

## FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise is working to raise \$325,000 by February 2024 so that they can operate their new facility at a greater capacity to meet the increased local needs. Please visit [familypromiseofkc.org](http://familypromiseofkc.org) to donate.

## VINJE IS HIRING!

Vinje is hiring a PT Faith Formation Coordinator for Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. This 8-10 hour/week position is responsible for coordinating and administering programs for children and youth that foster spiritual growth and faithful understanding. Contact Pastor Justin if interested!

## WEDNESDAY TREATS NEEDED!

We are in need of treats (any kind!) to serve with Wednesday suppers! If you are able to bake or buy any sweet treats to share on Wednesdays, they can be dropped off in the office at your convenience. Thanks so much!

## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 AM ELIZABETH CIRCLE  
3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!  
5:00 PM SUPPER  
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM  
6:00 PM WORSHIP  
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION  
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 AM VINJE QUILTERS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30 AM WORSHIP  
4:00 PM LESSONS & CAROLS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 PM FAITH & FINANCE MTG

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
5:00 PM LOVING ARMS BOARD MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!  
5:00 PM SUPPER  
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM  
6:00 PM WORSHIP  
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION  
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

*Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.*

## MISSION TRIPS!

Info about the youth mission trips to St Louis and Nebraska can be found on the website! Parents, please talk with your kids about this fun opportunity! Contact Pastor Justin with questions.

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