



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God, you interrupt our lives in ways we don't always expect—or want. You show up in the middle of our plans, our schedules, our worries, and our distractions.

But we confess that too often, we miss you.

We confess that we like being in control. We plan every hour, fill every moment, and leave little space for you to surprise us.

Forgive us for forgetting to listen to you and to our neighbors.

Forgive us for the ways we rush past you and each other. Interrupt our busyness with your peace, our fear with your love, and our hearts with your mercy.

Hear this good news: God doesn't wait for the perfect moment to show up — God comes right here to be with us to offer forgiveness, hope and new life. In Jesus Christ, you are loved, you are forgiven, and you are free to begin again. **Amen.** 

**HYMN** REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS HYMN #244

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**HYMN** PEOPLE, LOOK EAST (VS 1) HYMN #248

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!

### **SCRIPTURE**

**GENESIS 18:1-15** 

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **MESSAGE**

INTERRUPTED PLANS

LUKE 1:26-38

#### **HYMN**

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR

**GREATNESS** 

**HYMN #251** 

**BAPTISMS** 

**PRAYERS** 

"MARY'S
STORY MOVES US
ALL FROM WHO WE
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HAS (ALLED US TO BE, FROM
OBSERVANT BELIEVER TO
(ONFESSING APOSTLE."
-KAROLINE LEWIS

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

HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMN #257

**OFFERING PRAYER** 

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

**HJYMNS** 

COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

LOVE HAS COME

HYMN #256

HYMN #292

### **BENEDICTION**

This season, may God interrupt your plans with peace, your silence with a word of hope, your work with purpose, and your days with joy. And may you know that God is with you, our Emmanuel.

Amen.

HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

**HYMN #267** 

**DISMISSAL** 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ending

### SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS Andrés Albertsen

Justin Ask

**USHERS** Mark Bredeson

Kirk Davis

**LECTOR** Tim Ostby

MUSICIAN Su Michelson

SLIDES Suzanne Napgezek

CAMERAS Anthony Buzzeo

COMMUNION

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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

Mary Mielke, Kerry Selseth, Serenity Erbst, Dianne Christenson, Karla Tinklenberg, Taton Hansen

### **NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Orrin Robert, son of Christian Brown & Janey Walquist. Orrin's sponsors are Taylor & Madeline Wertish.

Maisie Jo, daughter of Anthony and Keyana Peterson. Maisie's sponsors are Alex & Hannah Peterson.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office or email tanyas@vinjechurch.com if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all(\$250). Sponsors are needed for: 12/7, 12/24, 12/28, 1/4

### **THANK YOU**

This week's bulletin, broadcast, bus & coffee are sponsored by Craig and Lori Schellberg in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on November 9.

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Thank you for all

the ways in which you share your gifts here at Vinje. In regards to your financial giving, we hope that you'll please take a moment to return your pledge card and update your giving online (call the church office if you need assistance)! Extra pledge cards are available on the welcome desk.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 8:45 AM Please join us for our Early Childhood Family Sunday school! This class is geared toward young children birth through age 4 (older siblings always welcome!) and allows your family to explore basic bible stories through play! Activities include stories, art projects, hands on games/puzzles, sensory table, and ways for kids to play or act out the story. This is a GREAT way to engage in developmentally appropriate Bible related activities with your child as well as meet other families at the same stage and phase of parenting. We would love for you to join us!



### **SUNDAY SERMON SERIES**

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# GREAT RIVER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT FRI, DEC 5 | BUS DEPARTS AT 5:30

Vinje is providing complementary coach bus travel to the Great River Chorale concert in St. Joseph. The bus will depart from Vinje at 5:30 for a 7:30 pm concert. RSVP for the bus to Suzanne Napgezek at 320.894.2870. You are responsible for purchasing your own concert ticket at www.greatriverchorale.org.

### THIS WEEK AT VINJE

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

8:40 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:25 AM KIDS TIME 9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 6:15 PM JUBELLATION

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2** 

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2:00 PM RUTH CIRCLE

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!

4:45 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!

5:00 PM SUPPER—PIZZA

5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM CHOIR

6:00 PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM CONFIRMATION 6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 12-6 PM BLOODMOBILE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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### **LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS**

Please consider making a Light of Christmas donation (using the form in your bulletin). Contributions can be made via cash, check or online and completed forms should placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office by Monday,



December 15th.

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