



gathering

## SONG

COME JUST AS YOU ARE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather in this season of giving— not to earn or to prove, but to receive.*

**We know the best gifts can't be bought, and God's love comes with no receipt attached.**

*God shows up in unexpected places— in the light that breaks through darkness, in the kindness that mends what's broken, in grace that keeps showing up again and again.*

**We come to unwrap the gifts that last. Come, Lord Jesus; be our light, our hope, and our joy.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

## SONG

CHANGE MY HEART, OH GOD

SCAN HERE  
TO GIVE  
ONLINE! →



*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**

NO RECEIPTS NEEDED...  
THE GIFT OF SHOWING UP  
LUKE 18:35-42

**SONG**

IN THE SECRET



"WE MAKE A  
LIVING BY WHAT  
WE GET. WE MAKE  
A LIFE BY WHAT  
WE GIVE."  
- WINSTON CHURCHILL

**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

**ANTHEM**

MESSIAH

**SONGS**

REVELATION SONG  
CREATE IN ME

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

**BLESSING**

*As you go, may you notice the gifts that don't come in boxes: the  
kindness shared, the grace given, the peace that settles in your  
heart.*

*Go and share what really matters, because God has already given  
you more than enough.*

**Amen**

**SONG**

JOY TO THE WORLD

**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

### PASTORS

Justin Ask  
Dane Skilbred

### VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

### SLIDES

Mason Jensen

### USHERS

Brooklyn Wadsworth  
Malin Marcus

### MUSICIANS

Nova/Shalom Choir

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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

### BEREAVED

Byron & Lorraine Boike and family  
following the death of Lorraine's  
mother, Vermayne Larson on  
November 26.



## 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!

## WEDNESDAY PAUSE

**TONIGHT | 6:45 PM**

### GATHERING SPACE

Want to dig deeper into tonight's message? All are invited to join Mark & Lynn Stier in the Gathering Space for a casual conversation on tonight's sermon topic.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office or email [tanyas@vinjchurch.com](mailto:tanyas@vinjchurch.com) if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all (\$250). **Sponsors are needed for: 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1**

## 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.

# **N** **Receipts**

## **WEDNESDAY SERMON SERIES**

We like things to go as planned — especially in December. But Advent tells a story full of interruptions: an angel interrupts Mary's quiet life, Joseph's dreams are disrupted, the shepherds' work night is invaded by glory, and the whole world is turned upside down. Maybe God's love most often arrives when our plans fall apart. This series invites us to think about how God shows up in the interruptions that shake up our lives.



## **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 be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office by December 15th.

Also, our Light of Christmas Giving tree is now filled with tags listing gifts that you can purchase to help local families. These gifts will be compiled by the staff and distributed to several area families. If you are able, this is a wonderful way to be God's light in our community.



## **BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW! | 12-6 PM**

Vinje is hosting a blood drive and we could use your help! If you are able to donate, please head to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

## **THIS WEEK AT VINJE**

### **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  
6:45 PM WEDNESDAY PAUSE  
6:45 PM CONFIRMATION  
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**

12-6 PM BLOODMOBILE

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

8:40 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL  
8:45 AM EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:25 AM KIDS TIME  
9:30 AM WORSHIP

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

6:15 PM JUBELLATION

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

8:30 AM ELIZABETH CIRCLE  
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  
6:45 PM WEDNESDAY PAUSE  
6:45 PM MENTORING  
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

## **6-12TH GRADERS: AFTER WORSHIP YOU HEAD TO...**

<b>Gryffindor</b>	Choir Room
<b>Hufflepuff</b>	Room 102
<b>Slytherin</b>	Theatre
<b>Ravenclaw</b>	Room 102
<b>9th Grade</b>	Kitchen
<b>High School</b>	UMC



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