

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Words of Assurance

L: The Light of the World has come not to condemn us but to save us. God does grant us forgiveness and the power of the Spirit to be made anew. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace "Good Morning!"

Time With The Children followed by Sunday School

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Prayer Response

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV) page 813

Hymn #592 vs 1, 3, 5 *Lord You Give the Great Commission*

Meditation: "**Another Way!**" Dr. Larry Ruby

*Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

L: We believe in God the Father,

P: **In whose mind was born the plan of salvation; In whose heart was born a love for humankind.**

L: We believe in God the Son,

P: **Born in a humble stable amid the lowing animals, a light in the darkness, the promise of hope to the world.**

L: We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

P: **Bringing life to the womb of Mary, giving a song to the angel chorus proclaiming good news to the shepherds of Bethlehem.**

L: We believe in the God who was, is, and ever shall be;

P: **The same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #34 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Prayer of Dedication

(Attendance Cards will be collected by Deacons.)

*Closing Hymn #233

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response #177 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

*Postlude

*Indicates those who are able to please stand



**Contemporary Service
The Second Sunday Of Christmas
And The Epiphany Of The Lord
Sunday, January 5, 2025 9:15 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Praise Song #229 *The First Noel* vs 1 & 3

*Passing Of The Peace

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Praise Song #248 *I Wonder As I Wander* vs 1 & 3

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV) page 813

Message: Dr. Larry Ruby

"Another Way!"

*Praise Song *We Three Kings Of Orient Are*

Final Challenge and Depart to Serve

*Indicates those who are able to please stand

When attending the 9:15 Worship Service, please:

- complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary.
- place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
- use the restrooms located out the front left Sanctuary door and then down the hallway.

The Church Staff

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Please use our East Entrance to visit during the week.

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Celebrating 127 Years

June 1, 1897—June 1, 2024

"Come, grow your faith in Jesus Christ with us."



The purpose of Linway United Presbyterian Church is to joyfully worship and serve the mission and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sun., January 5, 2025

***The Second Sunday Of Christmas
And The Epiphany Of The Lord***

*"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
-Matthew 2: 1-2 NIV*


Linway United Presbyterian Church
The Second Sunday Of Christmas
January 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Prelude George Hawkins, Organist
 Welcome and Announcements Lila Sedlak, Liturgist

Gathering Prayer: **Come, Lord Jesus, open us to the wonder of your amazing grace. Show us the fullness of your salvation and grant us the peace that passes all understanding. We place ourselves in your care and yield our lives to your touch. Speak to us today in word and silence. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call To Worship

L: We are the people of God,
P: Marked by water,
 L: Claimed by the Spirit,
P: Precious and honored in God's sight.
 L: We are the body of Christ,
P: Gathered around the table,
 L: Fed by the Bread of Life,
P: Filled with the cup of joy,
 L: Strengthened for the New Year.
P: We are a community of faith,
 L: Following God's star,
P: Bringing our gifts,
 L: Seeing the Holy in the ordinary,
P: And being made new as we travel new roads.

*Hymn #590 *Rise Up O Saints Of God*

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison): **God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best.**

We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Emmanuel, which means "God with us." You bring a candle of hope, the light of peace, the radiance of joy. Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs. Amen.

*"From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 let the name of the Lord be praised!" Psalm 113: 3*



Please Remember In Our Prayers: Patty B., Donnie Baker, Jeannette Briggs, Chris, Cheryl D., Kathy Dechter, Nathan E., Rick E, Frank & Mary Lou Fawcett, Betty Frommell, Leslie Gray, Bev Harcum, Jill Hardy, Nick Hunter, Michelle K., Kathy, Kevin, Vickie Lofgren, Carol Pascarella, M.P., Renee R., Susan S., Laura Shawley, Shawn, Bill Szmuc, Tammi, Cindy Taylor, Donna Trent, Pat V., Scott W., Wanda, Linda Wetzler, Marge Wolf, Joy & Larry Wright

Coffee Conn: Today: Amy G. & Chris S.
 1/12/25: Kim B.

Deacon Duty: Today: Chris S., Madi S.
 1/12/25:

Sunday School: Today: Amy G.
 1/12/25: Kaitlyn G.

Technology: Today: 9:15: Jamie S. 10:30: Rich C.
 1/12/25: 9:15: Don A. 10:30: Rich C.

Security: This Week: Glenn M. 1/13/25: Don A.

Welcome Children!

Sunday School: for kids age 5 thru 5th grade is held every Sunday during the 10:30 service after the Time With The Children.

Coloring/Activity Sheets: are available at the Sanctuary entrance for children. Please help yourself or ask a Deacon.

The Nursery: is open for parents/guardians should you need to step out a moment with a little one. It is located out the front left doors & down the hall. Speakers allow you to hear the service.

Kid's Club: 6:15-7:15pm. Held the 2nd & 4th Wed. of the month. For kids age 5 thru 6th grade. Bible lesson, craft, snack, games, & music. Any child is welcome! Call the office for more info.

Missions: Donations for our various local and international mission projects may be placed in a pew envelope. Please designate that it is for "Mission Fund". Loose change left in the pew also goes towards the mission fund. The Missions Committee thanks you for assisting these worthy programs.

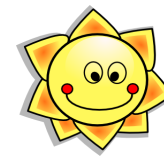
Church Fundraisers

Available after the service or contact the church office.

Giant Eagle Gift Cards - In \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts.
 -The church receives 5% of the value of the card.

Eat'n Park, Dunkin' Donuts, or Denny's Gift Cards,
 -The church receives a percentage for each card.

Sarris Candy- \$2 Bars: Chocolate, Crisped Rice, Almond, or P.Butter or \$3 for a pack of Choco-covered Pretzel Rods.



Good Morning and Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! We hope you will find the service meaningful and that you can come back and join us again. Please enjoy a refreshment inside the church entrance. We ask everyone to please complete an attendance card found in the pews. Restrooms and the Nursery are located out the front left Sanctuary doors, and then down the hallway.

LINWAY HAPPENINGS

Sun 1/5 **Undecorating of the Church** - Extra hands welcome!
Mon 1/6 **Women's Breakfast** 10:00 at N. Versailles Eat n'Park
Tu 1/7 **Craft Ladies** at 12:30 pm in Friendly Fellowship Room
Christian Education Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm
Wed 1/8 **Kid's Club** 6:15-7:15pm - use back door
The Chosen Bible Study at 7:45pm - use back door
Th 1/9 **Choir Rehearsal** at 7:00 pm - All welcome to sing!
Sun 1/12 **9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service**
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
Ordination/Installation of Church Officers

Save The Date:

Sun, Jan 26 Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:30

Undecorating Today: Lend a Hand! At the conclusion of today's 10:30 service, the Deacons will be taking down our Christmas decorations and packing them away for next year. If you have some time, please consider helping. Many hands make light work.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers: Jan. 12

Those who have been newly elected to serve as an Elder, Deacon, or Junior Deacon will be ordained and/or installed during the January 12 worship services. These individuals are asked to save this date and please plan to attend.

2025 Giving Boxes containing weekly giving envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up your box today. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office, and we can see that you receive one. If you see a friend or neighbor's box, help us save on postage by taking their box to them. Thanks!

New Address: Linda Wetzler has recently moved. Please contact the church office for Linda's new address.

Video Recording: Portions of today's service will be recorded & posted to the Linway Facebook Page and website Monday evening at www.LinwayChurch.org