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Welcome!

December 16, 2023



PIONEER
MEMORIAL CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

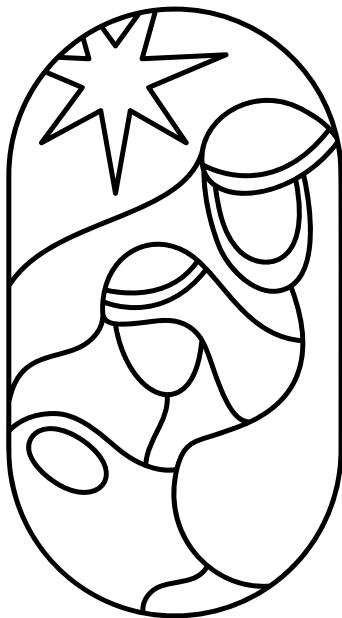
Pastor: How beautiful is the voice of the one who proclaims peace.

All: How glorious the voice that announces the good news.

Pastor: Let us sing together, O people, the song of comfort and joy.

All: Let us sing peace and good news!

Pastor: For God, our God, has come among us, bringing hope.



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11

SABBATH SCHOOL

SONG SERVICE

William Helbley

OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME

John Rorabeck

FEATURE

"Mission of the University Press"
Ronald Knott

LESSON STUDY

"Mission to the Unreached: Part 2"

SUNSET TODAY

5:15

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY

5:18

OFFERING

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Pioneer Operating Budget

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Michigan Advance Partners

PIONEER PULPIT

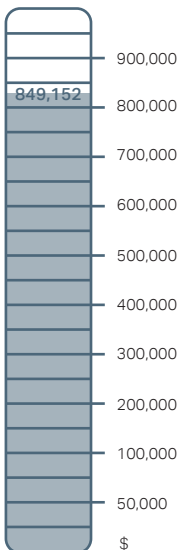
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Taurus Montgomery

"Farewell: Duty Calls"

RENOVATE 2.0

GOAL \$1,000,000



(as of 12/02/23)



BELONG
Ministries



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12 • 30

Jenifer Daley

"Outlook 2024: A View
From the Top of a Mountain"

WORSHIP

9:00 AM

OPENING MUSIC

"While by My Sheep I Watched at Night" • trad. carol

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

"OF ANGELS TO SHEPHERDS": A CAROL CYCLE

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" • 119, st. 1-2

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" • 122, st. 2-3

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" • 130, st. 1-2

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" • 140, st. 1-2, 5

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

BABY DEDICATION

Abigail Regina Banda, presented by

Jaston and Stella Banda with Ben Martin

OFFERTORY

"What Heavenly Music!"

Early Advent Melody / Kenneth Logan

CHILDREN'S STORY & PRAYER

Floyd & Latoya Green, Pioneer Members

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14 NIV

Luciana Malia Press, Pioneer Member

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"The Work of Christmas" • Dan Forrest

MESSAGE

"An Earthly Audition for Heaven's Own Choir"

Shane Anderson, Lead Pastor

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" • 135, st. 1, 3-4

CLOSING MUSIC

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" ("Glory to God in the Highest")

Allan Greenway

Organ: Kenneth Logan, Minister of Music

Hymn Leaders & Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir,
Brenton Offenback, director; Kenneth Logan, organ

11:45 AM

OPENING MUSIC

"While by My Sheep I Watched at Night" • trad. carol

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

PRAISE

"Joy To The World (Joyful, Joyful)"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

BAPTISM

Luciano Kida & Lucrecia Kida with Shane Anderson

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

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OFFERTORY

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CHILDREN'S STORY & PRAYER

Janine Lim, Pioneer Member

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14 NIV

PRAISE

"Emmanuel" • "O Come All Ye Faithful"

"Worthy of It All"

MESSAGE

"An Earthly Audition for Heaven's Own Choir"

Shane Anderson, Lead Pastor

CLOSING MUSIC

"Silent Night"/"Adore"

BLESSING

Shane Anderson, Lead Pastor

CLOSING MUSIC

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" ("Glory to God in the Highest")

Allan Greenway

Organ: Kenneth Logan, Minister of Music

Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir,
Brenton Offenback, director

Praise: Guimel Gonzalez, Davielle Smith, Melanie Ruiz, Elsie Mokaya,
Grace Dockerty, Eriston Eloi, vocals; Nathaniel Chung, piano; Noah
Chung, acoustic guitar; Caleb Chung, electric bass; Alex Aguilera, cajon

PIONEER FAMILY

Fellowship Dinner

There will be a fellowship dinner, following the second worship service in the commons on the lower level.

Update #10 for Renovate 2.0

The elevator and other improvements are done. It's all being used daily to improve the experience here at Pioneer. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for this project and its physical completion. We have just **\$150,848** left to raise! (Look for the fundraising "thermometer" somewhere in the church each week!) Please consider how this project fits into your contribution plans for the rest of the year!

Grow Groups Leaders Wanted

Our next Season of Grow Groups is coming soon. If you have an idea for a small group we'd love to support your ministry. We are looking for activity, study, food, and fun groups. These are great ways to experience church outside of our church service. If you are interested please fill out the form here: pmchurch.org/ministries/growgroups/register

Adopt-a-Student

You can help create a home away from home by joining our BELONG Ministries Adopt-a-Student program. You'll build meaningful connections by hosting the student for a home-cooked meal, surprising them with their favorite treats, and reminding them that they've been prayed for. If interested in joining this program, please scan the QR code on the inside of the bulletin.

Give to Pantry Fund

This year Neighbor To Neighbor has been challenged to keep their pantry fully stocked. Thanks to a combination of inflation, supply-chain disruptions, and economically related issues, food prices have steadily risen since 2020. At the end of November 2023, we have served almost 6,000 persons with food and many other resources. As the year comes to an end, we are asking you to give a generous financial donation to our pantry fund, to help us provide essential food items for the families in our com-

munity. Your donation will make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

We Mourn

Andrews University Professor Larry Ulery passed away on December 6. The funeral service will be tomorrow, December 17, 2023, in the Pioneer Sanctuary at 2:00 PM. Visitation will be between 11:30 AM–2:00 PM.

We are saddened to hear of Harold Marsh's passing on December 7. Details regarding a service are pending at this time.

We mourn with the family of Arlan Nelson. He passed away on December 7. A memorial service was held on December 13, 2023.

We mourn with the family of Gregory "Greg" Rosenthal, who passed away on November 15, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held on January 13, 2024 at 4 PM at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, Saint Joseph. Friends may visit with the family from 2:30 PM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

May the blessed hope of Jesus soon return give courage and strength to these families who have lost their loved ones, especially so close to Christmas. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

Annual Christmas Breakfast

DECEMBER 23 • 9:00–10:15 AM
PIONEER COMMONS

You are invited to our Pioneer annual Christmas breakfast potluck. Bring your favorite breakfast to share.

A - J - breakfast casserole or hot/cold cereal

K - R - bread, muffin, or pastries

S - Z - fruits

Pioneer will provide hot and cold drinks and nuts.

To submit or read more announcements
visit pmchurch.org/announcements

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