

MINDFUL MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Today's Mindful Monday message is a joyous one. After over a year long search our church finally has a new settled pastor. Pastor Jason Grow joined us at the beginning of Advent season and we officially welcomed him with an installation service today. We were joined by Rev. Joshua Patty and Rev. Liz Woodward. It was a day to rejoice!

Rev. Patty gave a message today and asked for Pastor Jason to love us, but also to "show us Jesus." He encouraged all of us, "show others Jesus." What a beautiful thing to share with others. With Jesus there is love, hope, forgiveness, peace, and new possibilities. May we pray that as we begin a new chapter in our church that we find ways to "show Jesus" to others. May we do this through our ministries like WOW, Discovery Time Preschool, and our weekly services. BUT let us pray we find new ways, new possibilities, to show Jesus to all.

Today we welcomed the Scouts for Scout Sunday. As their sponsor we are blessed to have them join us each year. They shared ways they serve others in the community and fulfill their duty to God and country. We pray for their program and that they can show Jesus to others. We rejoice for Scout Sunday and the members and their leaders.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.* Philippians 4: 4

We rejoice in the good news shared today for prayers. We are grateful for Steph Crouse's successful lumpectomy surgery and continue prayers for her treatment. We are thankful for the scrapbookers who use our church for events. We are happy to host them. We again pray for Pastor Jason and pray for our church and our new journey together. We pray for the Scouts and pray we find ways to help support them even more in this new year.

We also lift those up in prayer that are in need of your presence, Lord. We pray for Connie, Virginia, Lorraine, Judy, Craig, Joanne, and Floyd and Dona. We pray for Judi Webb and for prayers she has requested for Joe, Emma, and Hannah. We lift these to you, Oh Lord.

Our Regional Prayer Calendar asks for us to pray for the following pastors, churches, and ministries this week. May Jesus' love shine through.

First Christian Church, Minneapolis, MN, Laurie Feille, Dan Adolphson

First Christian Church, Red Oak, IA, AJ Baratta

Sheryl Butler, Don Hiscox, Chris Conklin

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