

# Connection Card

Please place card in offering plate or hand to church leader  
**OR**  
scan QR code and fill out electronically.



NAME(S)

CHILD(REN) with Birthdate & Grade

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

CELL PHONE

EMAIL

## STAY INFORMED

Subscribe to one or more email lists by using the QR code or selecting from the list below.



- ☐ Michael's Musings Friday Email
- ☐ The Current E-News
- ☐ Children & Youth Weekly Email
- ☐ Community Care Alert

## TEXT MESSAGES

Sign up to receive text messages from South Elkhorn Christian Church by texting "start" to 888-413-9540. Occasional texts will include worship weather updates and event information.

# Order of Worship

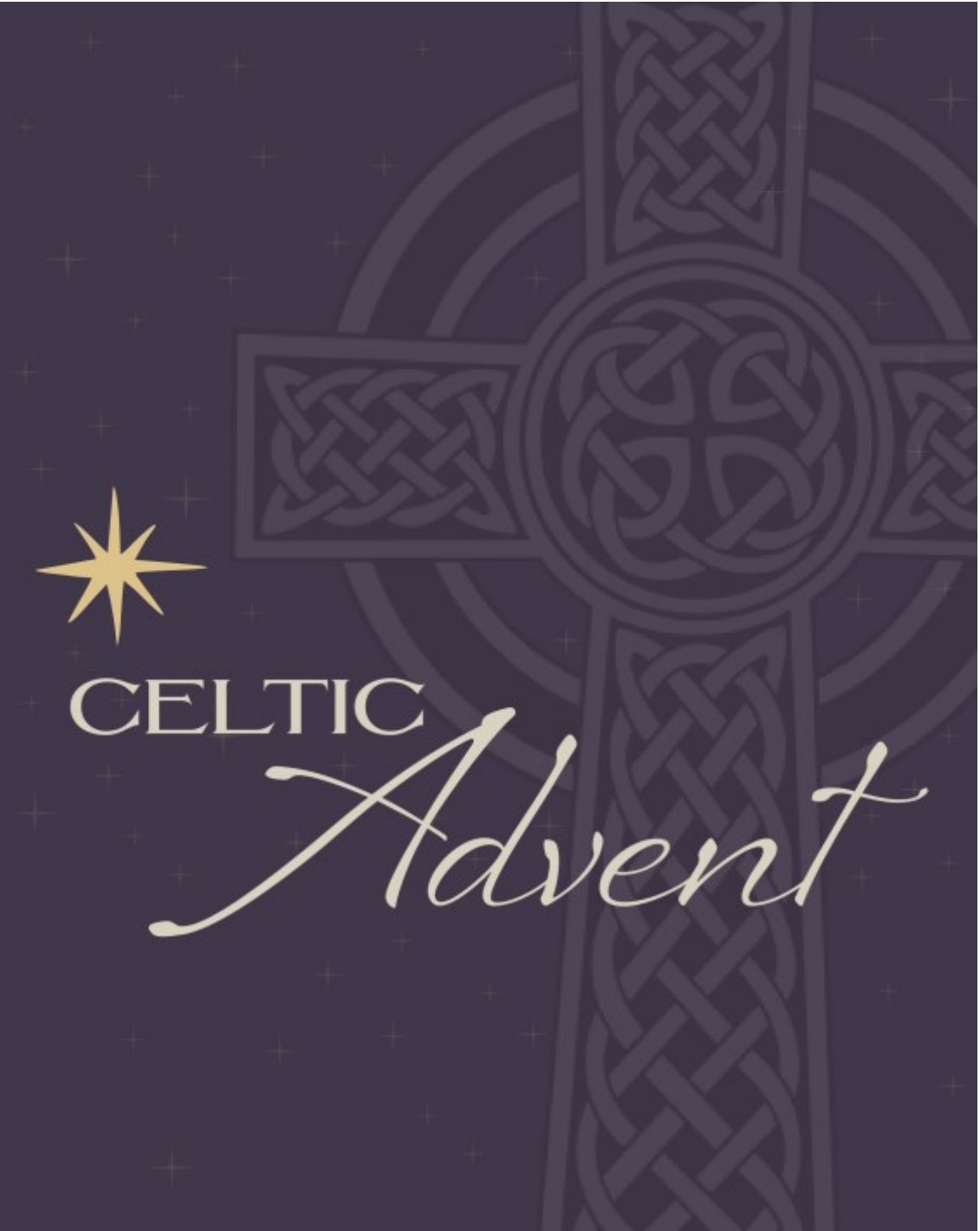
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| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |                                                |
| Anthem                                                                                                                                                                                    | Celtic Noel                                | Choir                                          |
| Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            | Michael Swartzentruber                         |
| Advent Candle Lighting                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            | Fister & Privett Family                        |
| Song                                                                                                                                                                                      | Come O Long Expected Jesus                 |                                                |
| Centering & Lord's Prayer                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            | Jen Brown-Murphy                               |
| Children's Moment                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            | Holly Fuqua                                    |
| Anthem                                                                                                                                                                                    | Evermore                                   | Choir                                          |
| Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                    | Celtic Advent: Dreaming<br>Matthew 1:18-25 | Michael Swartzentruber                         |
| Song                                                                                                                                                                                      | like a child                               |                                                |
| Communion                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            | Dain Smith<br>Elders: Doug & Phyllis Alexander |
| <i>Open Table: All are welcome. You are invited to partake of the bread as it is passed, and drink from the cup as you are ready. Gluten-free wafers are in a paper cup on each tray.</i> |                                            |                                                |
| Generosity                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            | Holly Fuqua                                    |
| <i>Deacons collect tithes and offerings. You can also give on your mobile device with Venmo (@southelkhorncc) or online by credit/debit card (visit southelkhorncc.org/give)</i>          |                                            |                                                |
| Special Music                                                                                                                                                                             | Stars of Glory                             | Choir<br>Jennifer Williams, tin whistle        |
| Call to Discipleship                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            | Michael Swartzentruber                         |
| Song                                                                                                                                                                                      | Go Tell it On the Mountain                 |                                                |
| Announcements                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            | Michael Swartzentruber                         |
| Benediction                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            | Holly Fuqua                                    |

## Serving

**Greeters:** Cheryl & Tony Goodman, David Riggins  
**Deacons (Prepare & Serve):** Lanny Adkins  
**Deacons (Serve & Clean):** Bruce & Kelly Burton



SOUTH ELKHORN  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



INSPIRING CHRIST'S DEEPER WAY OF love



WELCOME

We are an open table people. That means all are welcome here. No matter your past dilemmas or present challenges, no matter your age or race, no matter your gender or sexual orientation, or political party: we want you to be creative, bold, generous, and make a difference. We hope God unleashes your passion and gifts because the world sorely needs them. We are eager for you to wonder, question, explore and grow. Most of all, we want to journey with you in the adventure of Christ's love. We are glad you're here!

Michael

WORSHIP STAFF

- Michael Swartzentruber  
Senior Minister
- Holly Fuqua  
Associate Minister
- Dain Smith  
Discipleship Minister
- Jen Brown-Murphy  
Student Minister
- Chris Weiss  
Music Minister
- Diana Vetter Moore  
Music Associate
- Allison Colvin  
Pianist

December 21, 2025



IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY

We want you to feel at home here, so relax and be yourself. We would love to follow up with you. Please complete and tear off the Connection Card to your right. You can place it in the box on the table in the foyer or hand it to a minister, deacon, or other church leader. Let us know how we can share more about our church, plug you in, and pray for you.

EXPLORE SOUTH ELKHORN

February 1, 5:00 PM, Room (211)  
Gathering of newcomers and curious souls. Meet the team, engage in conversation, and find your place in the church spiritual community. For more information or to RSVP, please use the QR code or contact the church office: [admin@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:admin@southelkhorncc.org).



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 3 to Grade 3 are invited to hear a sacred story, wonder about its meaning, and gather together for a feast (rooms 203 & 209). Visitors, please accompany your child to sign-in. All adults in Worship & Wonder rooms must complete a background check through the church office.

NURSERY

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years of age during Sunday School & worship (rooms 214 & 215).

LIVE STREAMING BROADCAST

The stage is video recorded and broadcast through social media and the website. The first three rows may be on camera. Visit [southelkhorncc.org/online](https://southelkhorncc.org/online) (to watch the service each week.



We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

LIFE TOGETHER

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 & 8:00 PM  
Experience the meaning, mystery, and beauty of this holy night filled with the warmth of scripture, song, and candlelight. The nursery is available for children 6 weeks to two years old.

STAY INFORMED

Stay Up to Date on Church News Events & Opportunities  
Subscribe to one or more email lists: The Current Weekly E-news, Michael's Friday Musings, Children & Youth News, and Community Care Alerts. You can also subscribe to church text messages.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 18, 6:00 PM: MLK Community Worship Service  
A service to celebrate and remember the important legacy, ministry, and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. alongside other Disciples churches at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).  
Sunday, February 15, 5:00 PM: Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show  
Enjoy a fun-filled evening of delicious chili and great entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming Worship



December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
4:00 & 8:00 PM  
Celebrate the birth of Christ with scripture, song, and candlelight.  
December 28, 10:30 AM  
Celtic: Christmas: Three Essential Things  
Micah 6:8  
Michael Swartzentruber  
Special Music: In the Bleak Midwinter, Holly Stowell & Diana Vetter Moore

Worship service and messages available online & on your favorite podcast site.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Tiny Tots (Age 3-Pre K) · Children (Grades K-5) · Youth (Grades 6-12)

TINY TOTS, CHILDREN, & YOUTH GROUPS

No Groups following worship. Groups will resume on January 11. Use the QR code to download the Program Guide.



WINTER BREAK FUN DAY (GRADES 4-12)

Monday, December 22, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, RSVP by TODAY  
4th and 5th graders are invited to join youth for a Winter Break Fun Day at church. Bring a used book to swap and money for lunch. Enjoy group games, hot chocolate, and time to connect and have fun. Use the QR code to RSVP. Contact Jen ([jen@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:jen@southelkhorncc.org)) with any questions.



PRAYER LIST

Share a prayer request.

If you have a prayer request, you can reach out to the church office or submit your prayer on this card in the notes section Place in the offering basket when passed.

Prayer list available online at [southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list](https://southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list)

Notes

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Make a one time gift or set up recurring gifts

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