

Worship & Music Committee meeting (online: via Zoom) Jan. 2, 2024

Present: Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Sherry Scheider, LaVon Downing, Richard Popp, and Susie Smalley

Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with a prayer from the 9th Day of Christmas.

Old Business:

- † **minutes from last month:** The minutes from last month were approved.
- † **Advent 4 (Dec. 24, 2023):** After the morning service (4th Sunday of Advent), the Advent wreath was removed from the altar, poinsettias were displayed, pew candles were put in place, and the hand-held candles were put on a table in the back of the sanctuary in preparation for the Christmas Eve prelude and service, which started at 4:30 and 5, respectively. Also, the nativity set was placed in front of the altar, and the paraments and banners were changed.
- † **Christmas Eve:** Eve: Service was very nice. ~58 were in attendance. Lights were dimmed the entire service until the sending song, during which the rest of the lights were turned on. The prelude, beginning at 4:30, also went well.
- † **Poinsettias:** Final order was for 18, which allowed for a nice display of nine on each side.
- † **Service of Lessons and Carols (Dec. 31, 2023):** This was a nice service and went well. There were eight different readings, followed by a Christmas hymn as a response to each. There was no Communion. Attendance was smaller than "normal", but still decent.
- † **setting changes:** We'll continue with setting 2 through Transfiguration, then switch to setting 1 for Lent. We'll use setting 8 beginning Easter (March 31), continuing through May 12 (7th Sunday of Easter), then switch to a different setting on Pentecost (TBD).

New Business:

- † **Richard:** wants to discuss Ash Wednesday service and the Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer services during Lent...see subsequent notes.
In regard to funds requested last month, the Council approved \$600 towards a music workshop.
- † **Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 7, 2024):** Bishop Emeritus Clements will preside this day. Though in the past, this has been a "cake day", we decided not to and will order a cake instead for the upcoming Sunday we have a baptism (some of Kelsey's children).
- † **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14, 2024):** Pastor Clements will preside. Deacon Cheryl and Richard will discuss the order of service. (pg. 251 in the red hymnal).
- † **Wednesdays during Lent:** We did decide to continue doing the Holden Evening Prayer. Richard asked Susie if Karen and she were planning on leading. Susie answered she was available for all except Feb. 28th but couldn't speak for Karen. Other people who have done it before were mentioned. Richard will reach out to people to secure leaders for each week.
We also discussed things to consider doing for the message each week (Deacon Cheryl will ponder that), and Richard & Deacon Cheryl will discuss the hymn for each week.
- † **upcoming presiders:** Deacon Cheryl has secured presiding ministers through Easter Sunday.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Deacon Cheryl from the book for church musicians.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 at 10:30am, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted, Susie Smalley