

# WORSHIP ENGAGEMENT 12/01/24

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*"You Are a Blessing" Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm*



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## CALENDAR EVENTS:

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- December 2 - GriefShare 7:00pm Seekers Room
- December 2 - Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00pm Heritage
- December 4 - UWF Executive 1:00pm General 2:00pm Fellowship Hall
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## ALTAR FLOWERS:

- in honor of Drake Noetzlman's birthday, from Dave & Kris Noetzelman.
- in honor of December birthdays, from Buss &Carolynn Biehl.

Sign up on the chart on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board or call Ann in the church office. Each bouquet is \$20 and billed by Diva's at Kearney Floral.

Blue Christmas Service will be held this afternoon at 3:00pm in the Chapel. This service is open to all experiencing loss or grief this holiday season. Coffee and cookies will follow.

The youth will be having a Cookie Walk between services on December 15. Cookies, bars & candy will be sold for \$7 a pound. Please bring all treats to the office by noon on Friday, December 13.

Angel Tree is set up in the Narthex. This program is to provide Christmas gifts to children that have a parent in prison. Each child will receive one or more gifts valued at approximately \$25. If you'd like to participate, take a tag to purchase a gift. Please return gifts to the church unwrapped in a bag by December 17.

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2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Gathering Area.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

### Through Week 47

Operational Income: \$ 671,037

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