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Morship Service

**Preparatory Worship** 

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:1-7

Prayer of Invocation

Special Music: "Drummer Boy"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Offering: the Schmidt Family

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sermon *"Christmas in John"* Pastor Rich Herbster

(Lighting of the candles.)

\*Hymn #189 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

\*Benediction and Recessional

\*Congregation will stand

Special Offering



Today's special offering will be donated to missionaries, the Schmidt Family, Dan, Courtney, Ethan, Nate and Evelyn.

As a congregation we have supported the Schmidt family for several years. Dan, Courtney, and their children have been faithfully serving in the mission field in the nation of Kenya. They have served by teaching, mentoring, and caring for the students at Rift Valley Academy. This institution helps educate the children of missionaries serving through Africa and the broader region.

In the past months the family has faced a new challenge – Dan was diagnosed with cancer. The family moved from Kenya to Beaver. Dan has had surgery and is receiving chemotherapy treatments. They hope to return to Africa to continue to minister in service to our Lord in the future, but for now dealing with Dan's health concerns is the top priority.

Session has determined that the appropriate use of our offering this year is to uphold this family financially. May our Lord heal our brother Dan and enable the family to continue in his service.