

Sandi Perl, Pastor Elly Stempien, Organist
Ron Miller, Choir Director Ron Salyer, Worship Leader

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Centering Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle

Advent Candle Song (FWS) 2090

***SONG OF PRAISE (UMH) 216 Lo, How a Rose**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Kids can sit in the front row with Pastor Sandi when they are finished greeting others)

Anthem Born to Set Us Free

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome, people!

C: Welcome, friends!

All: Welcome home! Joy makes its home in us. Amen.

***MORNING PRAYER**

Joy filled giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (UMH) 218 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

PRAY TIME/PRAYER HYMN (FWS) 2193

THE LORD'S PRAYER –Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER – Special Guest –

***OFFERTORY/ DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

Bountiful God, we rejoice in your goodness! You have done wonderful things for your people through the ages. We are grateful for your precious gift of being forgiven through Jesus Christ. You brought us out of sadness and into joy, as you tenderly wiped away our tears and gave us laughter. Let our gratitude overflow in love and kindness for people who are near and far away. Use our gifts and offerings to bring hope and happiness to our neighbors through the mission of this church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Guest Letter Reader

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (p205)

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Children's Christmas Story

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CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 213 Lift Up Your Heads

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***GOOD NEWS**

People of God, go out in peace. Go out in hope. Go out in joy. Amen.

FWS –Faith We Sing UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Join us for fellowship today after worship with our hosts' Eric and Paula Detar

SERVING THIS WEEK (12/17/17)

Greeters: Amos Hammond and John Prinzivalli
Ushers: Dick Smith and Russ Heggie
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer
Fellowship: Eric and Paula Detar
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli
Door Greeter: Bill Sutherland
Prayer Minister: Meredith Nielsen

SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/24/17)

Greeters: Sharon Larsen and Linda Folts
Ushers: Marilyn Sands and Meredith Nielsen
Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl
Fellowship: No Fellowship today
Sunday School: No Class
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Nursery: Terry Fingar and Doreen Sorensen
Door Greeter: Erin Brady
Prayer Minister: Bruce Westerdahl

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Christmas Eve worship service will be at 7:00pm.

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