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Welcome in the name of Jesus!

### Centering Prayer

**Song of Praise - (FWS) 2096 Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow**

Sharing of the Peace – please take a moment to greet those around you in the Name of the Lord.

### Anthem    Calypso Lullaby

#### \*Call to Worship

L: Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

**P: We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.**

L: Be at peace with one another.

**P: Let love and wisdom prevail.**

L: Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

**P: Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love. AMEN.**

#### \*MORNING PRAYER

Lord of delight and surprises, you come to us each day with opportunity, love, support. You pour your blessings on us, reminding us of your compassionate presence with us. Help us to be people of loving service. Help us to see the ways in which you enter our lives and enable us to serve you by serving your people. As we have come to you this day, bringing our concerns for healing and hope, remind us that you are with us all and that your healing mercies are given. Give us the courage to be faithful stewards of your creation and bring us together with one another in celebration and service. Lift us up, bring us forward, give us peace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Hymn of Praise - (UMH) 236 (v 1-4) While Shepard's Watch their Flocks**

Prayer Time – Please share your joys as well as your prayers.

### TIME OF PRAYER (FWS) 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayers

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

#### Offering (Doxology page 95)

God of glory and majesty, help us to see our place in your creation with humility and grace. Help us to receive your grace and love with gratitude, and let it flow through our being to everyone we meet. Holy God, may the tithes and offerings we bring to your altar this day not be a testimony to our worthiness, but to our readiness – readiness to be emptied of pride, that we might be instruments of your peace, love, and compassion in our hurting world. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

Scripture: (UMH) Philippians 4:6-7 (p 198), Luke 2:8-18 (p 58)

### Message

**Closing Hymn - (UMH) 239 Silent Night Holy Night**

#### \*Good News

P: Do not be afraid.

**C: We go forth with courage!**

P: Share the good news.

**C: We go into the world to proclaim tidings of great joy!**

P: A savior has been born to you.

**C: Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.**

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for coffee and conversation after  
Worship.

### **SERVING THIS WEEK (12/16/18)**

Greeters: Amos Hammond and John Prinziwalli  
Ushers: Dick Smith and Russ Heggie  
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempien  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinziwalli  
Door Greeter: Bill Sutherland  
Fellowship: Pam Althouse and Waneta Nielsen

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/23/18)**

Greeters: Carol and Dick Pinneo  
Ushers: Marilyn Sands and Meredith Neilson  
Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl  
Sunday School: Not this week  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Nursery: Terry Fingar and Stacy Wyant  
Door Greeter: Erin Brady  
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands

\*Under the back table there are tote bags with activities for kids to use during worship. Please put the bags back when you are finished.



## **Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm**

### **Contact Us:**

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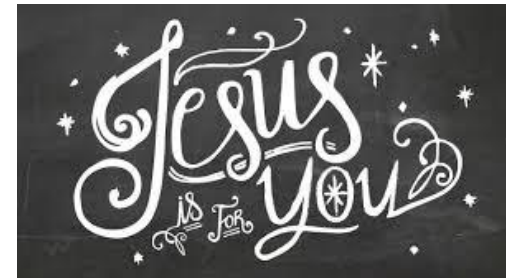
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