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Welcome in the name of Jesus!

Centering Prayer

Song of Praise (UMH) 229 Infant Holy,

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

Anthem Come Follow That Star

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

*MORNING PRAYER

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.

Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.

Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

Hymn of Praise (UMH) 251 Go Tell It On the Mountain

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

Communion

Offering (Doxology page 95)

God of the Ages, your angels announced the birth of your son to lowly shepherds, and those shepherds worship the Holy Child, kneeling beside kings in a stable. You gave us the gift of a Savior, sent for the rich and the poor alike. Every gift given from the heart is blessed by you, and every act that proclaims your love brings joy to you. May the gifts that we offer and the love we proclaim to others in our words and actions satisfy your heart – this day and all through the coming years. We pray this in Christ's holy name. Amen

Scripture Reading - Matthew 2:1-12

Message

Closing Hymn - (UMH) 228 He Is Born

*Good News

God make me uncomfortable with easy answers to difficult questions. Make me miserable with half-truths, so miserable in fact, that I do the difficult work of ferreting out truth. Only then can you take up dwelling in my heart.

AMEN

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for coffee and conversation after Worship.

SERVING THIS WEEK (1/6/19)

Greeters: Marilyn Sands & Michele Covert
Ushers: Dale Bliss & Deb Smith
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Sunday School: Sub
Counters: Ron Salyer & Dick Smith
Nursery: Amber Brady & Dave Perl
Door Greeter: Doug Finger
Fellowship:

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/13/18)

Greeters: Ruth Ann M & Meredith Nielsen
Ushers: Ryan Andersen & Doug Fingar
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Counters: Ron Salyer & Dick Smith
Nursery: Phil Pearce & Doreen Sorensen
Door Greeter: Kish Swift
Fellowship: **Need someone to sign up**

***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.**

Save the dates!

Fierce Faith by Alli Worthington - Women's Book Study! Grab the book! Join us January 16, January 23 and January 30th from 6:00-7:00pm at church.

Grandma's Kitchen- January 16th – this is our opportunity to feed hungry students at Penn Yan Academy. See clipboards to sign up.

In February 2018 the United Methodist Church will be holding a Special Session to have conversation and make decisions around the issues of human sexuality. In preparation for this Special Session you are invited to participate in one or both of the following informational events;

January 7th - 6:30pm - Bluff Point UMC
January 28th - 3:00pm - Penn Yan UMC

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