

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

Welcome in the name of Jesus!  
(Announcements & Candle Lighting)

Lighting of the Advent Candle – see video

Centering Prayer

Song of Praise (UMH) 229 infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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

Choir - Waiting for Bethlehem's Light

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.**

Leader: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place,

**ALL: And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!**

**\*Morning Prayer**

Precious Savior, breathlessly we wait for your Coming. The house has been made ready. The tree is trimmed with beautiful lights and sentimental ornaments. Already there are presents under the tree. The guests have been invited. All of the ingredients for a delightful, sumptuous meal have been purchased. Our hearts are filled to overflowing with love for you and for one another. Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus, for it is in your name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise (UMH) 236 (v. 1-4) While Sheppard's Watched their Flocks

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

TIME OF PRAYER (FWS) 2160 Into My Heart

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

Hymn - (FWS) 2036 Give Thanks

**\*Offering (Doxology page 95)**

Faithful God, you astound us with your miracles! We rejoice that you sent your Son Jesus to bring light and salvation. We are grateful for your great wisdom and love in your actions toward humankind. Help us to be more like Mary, believing your Word and trusting in the fulfillment of your promises. We dedicate our tithes and offerings for the mission of this church, so that more people will find hope in waiting on Jesus the Christ. Amen

Scripture – Luke 2:1-20 (p 58)

Message – The Dilemma of Doubt for the Innkeeper

Closing Hymn - (UMH) 217 Away in a Manger

Good News!

People of God, we wait with hope; we wait with courage; we wait with joy unspeakable, full of glory; we wait with the assurance that The Liberator will come in power, in justice, and in peace. Go now, trusting and believing that it is so . . . in the name of Jesus, the Christ!

FWS – Faith We Sing    UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us downstairs for food and fellowship.

### **SERVING THIS WEEK (12/22/19)**

Greeters: Ruth Ann MaKatura and Meredith Nielsen  
Ushers: Marilyn Sands and Russ Heggie  
Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Amber Brady  
Door Greeter: Erin Brady  
Fellowship: **Need someone to sign up**

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/29/19)**

Greeters: Trish DeMontfort and Joyce Weidrich  
Ushers: Chris Wyant and Bill Sutherland  
Scripture Reader: Gene James  
Sunday School: No Sunday School  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Nursery: Jean Murdock and Stacy Wyant  
Door Greeter: Doug Fingar  
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.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service**

### **Contact Us:**

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**IT'S WHO WE ARE. IT'S WHAT WE DO!”**



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