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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Centering Prayer

Song of Praise (UMH) 171 There's Something About That
Name

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

Choir - A Carol of Hope

***Call to Worship**

L: O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

P: The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

L: Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

P: We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

L: Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

P: God's Light of love is shining upon us. AMEN.

***Morning Prayer**

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and
despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise
Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our
hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love
that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Hymn of Praise (UMH) 234 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

TIME OF PRAYER (FWS) 2193 Lord, Listen...

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

Hymn - (FWS) 2036 Give Thanks

*Offering (Doxology page 95)

God of glorious surprises: Like the wise men sent by Herod, we,
too, come as searchers for a glimpse of your presence. As were the
people in those days, we are surprised that we find you not in a
palace but in a stable, surrounded by a family of poor refugees and
worshiped by the lowly shepherds. Like them, our gifts from our
wealth seem simultaneously too material and woefully shabby and
outshined by what you have given us. Just the same, use our gifts
for the work of justice, mercy, and compassion – as would befit the
savior who sleeps in a manger. It's in is holy name, we pray.
Amen..

Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12

Message – The Dilemma of Obedience

Closing Hymn - (UMH) 670 Go Forth For God

Good News!

The Light of the Star, the light of God's love, shines before
you as you leave this place. Go in peace, go in joy, go in
love to meet God's people in the world and greet them with
the good news of salvation. AMEN.

FWS – Faith We Sing UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us downstairs for food and
fellowship.

SERVING THIS WEEK (1/5/20)

Greeters: Marilyn Sands and Michele Covert
Ushers: Dale Bliss and Trish DeMontfort
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Sunday School: Kerry Fitch
Counters: Ron Salyer and Dick Smith
Nursery: Amber Brady and Karen Drumm
Door Greeter: Doug Fingar
Fellowship: Doug, Terry, Doreen & Kids

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/12/20)

Greeters: Ruth Ann McKutra and Meredith Nielsen
Ushers: Kristy Gaston and Deb Smith
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller
Sunday School: Trish DeMontfort
Counters: Ron Salyer and Dick Smith
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Doreen Sorensen
Door Greeter: Dick Pinneo
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:

All Bible Studies are starting this week. Wednesday at 10:00 and Thursday at 4:30pm at church.

January 6th – Kids Club After School – at The Living Well

January 15th – 15th Club – 5:30

January 20th – Kids Club 9:00am – 11:30am – at Bluff Point UMC

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