

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

On this second Sunday of Advent we are going to center our thoughts on the Love of God for all of us.

**WELCOME AND GREETING ORGAN PRELUDE
*SONG OF PRAISE - #2091 "The King of Glory"**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L. God's love has been made known among us, for God has sent Christ into the world that all people might live.

P. If God so loves us, we also ought to love one another.

L. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God abides in us.

P. Let us worship God and seek to love as God has loved us.

CONGREGATION PRAYER:

Gracious God, we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus into a manger and into our hearts and homes. Bless our Advent waiting; fill our worship with anticipation of your love; and dedicate us to prepare your way by lifting up the valleys in our lives and making smooth the rough places of others. For we pray in the name of Emmanuel – God with us. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAISE HYMN – #213 "Lift Up Your Heads"

SPECIAL MUSIC – "Child of Peace" – Aimee Perry, Soloist

CHILDREN'S TIME –

LIGHTING SECOND CANDLE IN ADVENT – Children will come forward to light candle

Reader 1 – This is the second Sunday in Advent, the time of preparing for the coming of Christ our Savior. Today our word is

Love. God sent His Son into the world so that the world would know love, pure love, given out of sacrifice.

SECOND CANDLE LIT – Reader 2 – We light the second Advent candle, remembering that we are Loved by God who sent Jesus to us to show us how much He loves us. Let us rejoice and remember that God is Love.

Reader 3 – Let us pray. Gracious God, help us to remember this day that we are awaiting the coming of Emmanuel, God with us in the form of Jesus Christ, who gave himself up for us that we might receive eternal life and love. Amen.

RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP – Today we welcome The Rev. Babs Steinert to our congregation. (Pg.48 UMH)

**PRAYER HYMN - #2160 "Into My Heart"
PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Holy One, you have given yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit. We now give back to you: this money that seems so little; this worship that seems so small; these words that never quite get it right. Receive what we offer and transform it by the power of your Spirit into: enough money, sufficient praise, worthy words for proclaiming and enacting your love in the world. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READING in Unison – UMH #208(with response)
Malachi 3: 1-4 (p.889 OT)**

SERMON: "WHAT CAN WE BRING TO HIM?" – Is your offering acceptable to God? Rev. Judy D White-Wunder

**CHORAL INVITATION – "Christmas Communion Song"
SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION
P.12 Beginning with Prayer of Confession**

**CLOSING HYMN - #207 "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Communion Steward: Meredith Nielsen
Greeters: Art Wunder and Jim Houle
Ushers: Helen & Dana Schillinger
Scripture Reader: Helen Schillinger
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Helen Schillinger
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse
Nursery: Sherie Hunt and Michele Covert
Counters: Elly Stempien and Dick Smith

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (12/13/15)

Organist: Elly Stempien
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Deb Smith and Jane Salyer
Ushers: Clarice Hardy and Waneta Nielsen
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant
Fellowship: Doug and Terry Fingar, Sorensen Family (Birthday)
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Sonya Anderson & Breanna Summers
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland

THIS WEEK

Tues. Noon: Women's Luncheon at Antique Inn. All women are invited to come share a meal with one another.

Dec. 9 & 10 – Yates Co Christmas Program at Armory
Fri. , Dec. 11th, BIBLE STUDY at 10am . Chapter 19 (Please Note change of day.)

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Dec. 13th – **Covenant Service**

Senior Dinner at Elks Club. This is free but you must get your tickets at Office for the Aging soon. Serving at Noon and 1:30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, 3PM. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will visit the nursing homes and Keuka Comfort Home.

Dec. 20th – **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**, a special worship for the children.

Dec. 24th – **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, 7PM**

Dec. 27th – **PASTOR JUDY'S LAST SERVICE.** Art, Pastor Judy, MaryAnne and Joel will serve you brunch after the service.

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