

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
Aimee Perry, Choir Director

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WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Lighting of The Advent Candles

***SONG OF PRAISE #213 (UMH) Life Up Your Heads**

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Holy One, the season of Word made flesh is upon us.

P: The Word for the future

L: The Word for your promise

P: The Word for all that is to be

L: Receive our worship this day

P: That we may live and worship you, the living Word. Amen.

*MORNING PRAYER

We speak of love, Lord, for we know you care for us. We speak of promise, for you have given us a lifetime guarantee. We speak of hope, for in Christ we have seen it fulfilled. Today, Lord, we pray for those for whom love, promise and hope appear as distant as the stars; those who see no glimmer of light in their darkness; those for whom the road ahead lies twisted and uncertain. We pray especially for those of whom Mary sang for she understood the life she would carry would have the power to heal and transform. Amen.

Kids Christmas Worship Time

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN 2160 FWS - Into My Heart

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-56, Psalm 113

Anthem

A Christmas Gift

*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY (p 95) / PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You gave us a child, Lord, who grew into a man, teaching love and bringing healing. You gave us a child who grew into a Savior, suffering death, and giving life. We give you these gifts, Lord, insignificant in comparison. Bless them that they may grow to teach others of your love, to bring healing where there is hurt and to give life to your kingdom. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #221 (UMH) In The Bleak Midwinter

*GOOD NEWS:

We have worshipped together with the Word. We have sung God's praises. We have witnessed the Word that brings new beginnings. Now may God's blessing be with us this day, this week, this Advent season. Amen.

SHARING GRACE:

Jar of blessings: Each day this week add a wrapped sweet to your Jar of Blessings. Ensure a sell by/eat by date of at least 4 months.

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

SERVING THIS WEEK (12/18/16)

Greeters: Amos Hammond/Laurie Prinzivalli
Ushers: Dick Smith and Russ Heggie
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer
Fellowship: None
Sunday School: No Sunday School
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/25/16)

Greeters: Sharon Larsen and Linda Folts
Ushers: Marilyn Sands and Meredith Nielsen
Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl
Fellowship: None
Sunday School: No Sunday School
Nursery: None
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Christmas Eve Service – 7:00pm

Christmas Day Service – 9:00am – feel free to wear your pj's

New Year's Day Service – 9:00am – brunch to follow after the service

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Note

This is space to note announcements and sermon thoughts

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“THE LITTLE COUNTRY CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART”

**“BLUFF POINT UMC...
FAITH AND LOVE...
IT'S WHO WE ARE. IT'S WHAT WE DO!”**



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