

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
Aimee Perry, Choir Director

Elly Stempien, Organist
Ron Salyer, Liturgist

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Lighting of The Advent Candles (FWS) Hymn #2090

***SONG OF PRAISE** FWS 2095 *Star Child*

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Holy One, the season of Word made flesh is here!

P: **The Word is knocking; the Word awaits with bated breath; the Word is ready to dwell within us.**

L: Receive our worship this night,

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

*PRAYER

God of love, born again this night, we thank you for the message of light and peace that Christmas brings. We thank you that you chose to come not to the high and mighty, but to simple folk on the margins of society. Be with those who feel excluded. May they know that Christmas means they are important and they are embraced by you. We thank you that you chose to live not in a palace fit for a king, but among ordinary folk going about their daily business. We pray for those who today are weighted down by the worries of life. May they know that Christmas means you carry their burdens and offer them rest. Amen.

Video [Born](#)

Anthem [On A Silent Night](#)

Scripture Isaiah 9:2,6-7, Isaiah 11:1-4,6-9

Aimee Perry – soloist Gesu Bambino

Scripture Luke 1:26-35,38, Luke 2:1-7

Party with the Preacher – #230 UMH O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Luke 2:8-16

****OFFERTORY SONG (UMH) 234 o Come All Ye Faithful DOXOLOGY (p 95) - Christmas Eve Collection will be gifted to Keuka Comfort Care and The Living Well.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your offering of love was not gift-wrapped, Lord, and not what was expected. Our offering comes wrapped in faith and given in expectations for we trust you will bless it, use it, and use us to further the work of your kingdom begun again on earth tonight, Amen.

Anthem [Calypso Lullaby](#)

CLOSING HYMN #239 (UMH) *Silent Night*

*GOOD NEWS:

Lord, thank you for the gift of your Son, born again this night so that we might know Christmas happens not just one long ago, but everyone moment we dare to open our ears to angel voices and our hearts to welcome him. Amen

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

SERVING TOMORROW (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 Day Service – 9:00am – feel free to wear your pj's
New Year's Day Service – 9:00am – brunch to follow the service

Contact Us

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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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