

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 27, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

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***SONG OF PRAISE - #657 "This Is the Day"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

P But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.

L Rejoice in the Lord, Oh you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name;

for to us has come a Savior, Christ the new born King.

P. Let us worship the King of Kings with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Praise Ye the Lord!!

CONGREGATION PRAYER -

Almighty God, wonderful creator, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus. In his birth you have restored the dignity of human nature. In his death and resurrection you have revealed to us the fullness of your grace and mercy. In your love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us share in his divine life - even as he partook of our humanity. As we hear and reflect on Your word this day, help us to respond with believing hearts and to put our faith into practice. We ask in his name. Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.**

PRAISE HYMN - #377 "It Is Well With My Soul"

CHORAL ANTHEM – "Advent of Grace"

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER HYMN - #2160 "Into My Heart"

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – Giver of every good and perfect gift, tribute and praises we bring to you. Let the words of our mouths proclaim the dawn of redemption Christ inaugurates. Use our talents to spread abroad the good news of his reconciling love. Accept the gifts we offer to further his teachings, so that all people may find in him the abundant life he so richly promised.

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 148 UMH #861

Colossians 3: 12-17(p.201 NT)

SERMON – "God's Chosen Ones" – Rev. Judy D White-Wunder

HOLY COMMUNION – p.13 UMH

Today Pastor Judy would like to offer this gift of grace to all those who believe in Jesus Christ. Please come and share her final blessing.

**CLOSING HYMN – #251 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" -
POSTLUDE**

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Elly Stempien

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Ron Salyer

Communion Stewards: Michele Covert and Rev. Babs Steinert

Greeters: Sharon Larsen and Linda Folts

Ushers: Marilyn Sands and Meredith Nielsen

Scripture Reader: Judy Wunder

Fellowship: Pastor Judy, Art Wunder,

MaryAnne Miller and Joel Warren

Sunday School: Marguerite Miller

Nursery: Terry Fingar and Doreen Sorensen

Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry

**PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A
CHRISTMAS BUFFET BREAKFAST**

This is our way to say thank you for all you have done for us as we have pastored this wonderful church in the last seven years.

God's blessings be with you all and remember we will always be friends forever.

Love, Pastor Judy and Art

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (1/3/16)

Organist: Elly Stempien

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Liturgist: Ron Salyer

Greeters: Sherri Hunt and Michele Covert

Ushers: MaryAnne Miller and Joel Warren

Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen

Fellowship: Barbara Bailey

Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse

Nursery: Linda Folts and Sharon Larsen

Counters: Ron Salyer and Dick Smith

FRIENDS

Packing up the dreams that God planted
In the fertile soil of you.

Can't believe the hopes He's granted
Means a chapter in our life is through
But I'll keep you close as always
It won't even seem I've gone.

'Cause our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong

CHORUS

And friends are friends forever
If the Lord's the Lord of them
And a friend will not say "never!",
'Cause the welcome will not end.
Though it's hard to let you go
In the Father's hands we know
That a lifetimes not too long to live as friends.

With the faith and love God's given
Spring from the hope we know
We will pray the joy you live in
Is the strength that now you show
But I'll keep you close as always
It won't even seem I've gone
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong.

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FAITH AND LOVE...
IT'S WHO WE ARE. IT'S WHAT WE DO!"**

