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**Welcome in the name of Jesus!**

**Centering Prayer**

**Song of Praise (UMH) 217 Away in the Manger**

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

**Anthem - The Coming of the Lord**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: A new day has dawned, a new year begun  
O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

**C: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future  
O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**

L: We enter this new year with hope and excitement  
O Lord, remind us that You lead us

**C: O Lord, guide us as look to You, and worship You.  
Amen.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

May you grow still enough to hear the small noises earth makes in preparing for the long sleep of winter, so that you yourself may grow calm and grounded deep within.

May you grow still enough to hear the trickling of water seeping into the ground, so that your soul may be softened and healed, guided in its flow.

May you grow still enough to hear the splintering of starlight in the winter sky and the roar at earth's fiery core.

May you grow still enough to hear the stir of a single snowflake in the air so that your inner silence may turn into hushed expectation.

Peace..... the angel announced. But peace is as much task as gift. Only if we become calm as earth, fluid as water, and blazing as fire will we be able to rise to the task of peacemaking, and the air will stir with the rush of wings of angels arriving to help us. This is

why I wish you that great inner stillness which alone allows us to speak, even today, without irony of "peace on earth" and, without despair, to work for it.— written by Brother David Steindalrast, OSB, on the Process and Faith website.

**Hymn of Praise (UMH) 240 Hark the Herald Angels...**

**Special Music**

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

**TIME OF PRAYER (FWS) 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayers**

**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**

**Special Music Calypso Lullaby**

**Party with the Preacher**

**Special Music**

**Offering (Doxology page 95) Special Music**

**Closing Hymn - (UMH) 242 Love Came Down at Christmas**

**\*Good News**

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

**FWS – Faith We Sing**

**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**

**Please join us for coffee and conversation after  
Worship.**

**SERVING THIS WEEK (12/30/18)**

Greeters: Kids  
Ushers: Kids  
Scripture Reader: Kids  
Sunday School: Not this week  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Dill Sutherland  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Amber Brady  
Door Greeter: Stacy Wyant  
Fellowship: Babs Steinert

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/6/19)**

Greeters: Marilyn Sands and Michele Covert  
Ushers: Dale Bliss and Deb Smith  
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen  
Sunday School:  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Dick Smith  
Nursery: Amber Brady and Dave Perl  
Door Greeter: Doug Fingar  
Fellowship:

**\*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.**

Grandma's Kitchen- January 16<sup>th</sup> – this is our opportunity to feed hungry students at Penn Yan Academy. See clipboards to sign up.

Fierce Faith by Alli Worthington - Women's Book Study! Grab the book! Join us January 16, January 23 and January 30th from 6:00-7:00pm at church.

In February 2018 the United Methodist Church will be holding a Special Session to have conversation and make decisions around the issues of human sexuality. In preparation for this Special Session you are invited to participate in one or both of the following informational events;

January 7th - 6:30pm - Bluff Point UMC

January 28th - 3:00pm - Penn Yan UMC

The link can be found in the newsletter.

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