

The image features three lit purple candles of varying heights, positioned in the center against a dark, textured stone wall. The flames are bright yellow and orange. At the bottom of the image, there is a festive wreath composed of green pine needles, purple berries, and a large purple ribbon. The entire scene is framed by a thin purple border.

FILL US ALL WITH

Joy

December 11th, 2016

3rd Sunday in Advent-Children's Christmas Program

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M.

Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

***Please stand if you are able.*

(A TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION.)

PRELUDE

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

"THE FIRST NOEL"

UMH No. 245

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

ANGEL THURBER AND ELLA FUNK

LEADER: These candles are lit to remind us that we walk the journey of the Lord.

People: **On the journey of Jesus the dry land shall be glad.**

Leader: On the journey of Jesus the desert shall rejoice and blossom, like the crocus.

People: **On the journey of Jesus the desert shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Leader: Three candles are lit to remind us that we walk the journey of the Lord.

People: **Come, let us walk the journey of the Lord.**

****PRAYER:**

Almighty God, whose love has come to us in the advent of your Son, give birth to the same kind of love in our hearts toward one another; that we may become a fellowship of people prepared with joy for the return of our Lord, in whose name we pray. *Amen*

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF JOY (PINK CANDLE)

TODAY WE ARE PLACING THE SHEPHERDS AS A SIGN OF JOY.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 35:1-10

PEW BIBLE NO. 845

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 7:13-17

PEW BIBLE NO. 1513

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 14:1-7

PEW BIBLE NO. 1304

L: *THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.*

P: *THANKS BE TO GOD*

L: Lord, in your mercy,
P: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME-YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER!

If the congregation would please join in singing verses 2-4 of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230. Alan Matson will be singing a solo for the first verse.

At the end we will sing "Joy to the World" UMH 246 again if the congregation would join in on the 2-4 verses. This is also when the group will all be up front for a photo opportunity.

CAST ORDER OF APPEARANCE IN THE SHOW

ELLA FUNK
ANGEL THURBER
ABBEY DIEHL—ACCOMPANIST
ALAN MATSON
RACHEL DIEHL
RYAN FUNK
SERENA BAKER
KAYLEE BAKER
WESLEY FUNK
CIARA ZITZNER
ETHAN ELLEFSON
BRENNALOHR
AXELL LEPKE
TRISTA DIEHL
THEO ERICKSON
SYLVIA ERICKSON

ISABELLA THOMPSON
VANESSA LOHR
HAILEY THOMPSON
TATUM SCHUMACHER
ANGELA DIEHL
ATLEY SCHUMACHER
BLAKE STARR
KYLA JONES
LANDEN STARR
OTTO MATSON

"GOODY BAGS" ARDEN AND LYNN ZITZNER

GRACE AND BENEDICTION (CONTINUED ON BACK COVER)

****GRACE AND BENEDICTION**

O God of new beginnings, make us a people of new beginnings. Let the works of our hands reflect the works of your hands. Let us mirror the joy of your love that illumined the deep and brightened a cold, dark stable.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD" (REFRAIN) UMH NO. 177**

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE BASEMENT FOR A POTLUCK...

Thank you to the program planners, leaders, participants and parents.

Calendar of Events

Sun., Dec. 11th		Advent III Sunday School Christmas Program
Wed., Dec. 14th	5:30 p.m.	LP UMW Christmas Party @ Lynn Zitzner's
Fri., Dec. 16th	5:30 p.m.	LEAPs
Sun., Dec. 18th		Advent IV -Both churches special music
Sat. Dec. 24th	5:00 p.m.	Joint service with special music and candle lighting @ V
Sun., Dec. 25th	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Day service

Prayer List: Carol H., Ann H., Robert P., Lana D., Orvis P., John E., Monica F., Lisa M., Fay Z., Joie S., Gerry E., John Porter, Mary Cheever's mom, Nora

Viroqua UMC offers 2 Adult Bible Study classes from 9:00—10:00 a.m. every Sun.@ V

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	Brian & Tammy Gardner	
GREETERS	Brian & Tammy Gardner	David Peterson
LITURGIST	Barb Robson	Layne Hanson
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	53	60
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$1,362.00	\$2,110.00

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Choir Director	Irene Fortney
Secretary	Kristin Potochick





*On Christmas Day
Dec. 25th please
bring an ornament
(new or used) to
exchange with a
friend and one more
ornament for
visitors.*

Thank you!

Pastor Jean