

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, red berries, and a large, flowing 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—V

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 "CHRISTMAS MEDLEY"

ANSEL BRENNEMAN—CELLO; MALLORY HANSON—VIOLA

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN OF PRAISE "THE FIRST NOEL" UMH No. 245

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

SHELLY, ANSEL AND FINN BRENNEMAN

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 that 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

SERMON "THE JOURNEY" (INTERVIEW WITH ISAIAH)

JOY AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895

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

OFFERING Mitchel Hanson—saxophone

**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

CAROLS—CONGREGATION JOIN IN SINGING

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (VS. 1 & 3) UMH No. 251

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING (VS. 1) UMH No. 240

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

AWAY IN A MANAGER (VS. 1 & 2) UMH No. 217

JOY TO THE WORLD (VS. 1, 2 & 4) UMH No. 246

Program Participants

Wynne Roberts	Gus Roberts	Henry Roberts	Ruby Roberts
Ashlyn Davidson	Riggins Davidson	Matthew Ostrem	Benjamin Ostrem
Landon Hall	Ansel Brenneman	Finn Brenneman	Grant Hanson
Grady Hanson	Mallory Hanson	Mitchell Hanson	Taylor Stalsberg

THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAM PLANNERS AND LEADERS: TODD OVERBO, SHELLY BRENNEMAN, ANGIE HANSON, JANETTE HANSON AND KATHY HANSON

THANK YOU TO JANETTE HANSON AND MARY MULVANEY KEMP FOR COORDINATING THE COFFEE TIME FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

BENEDICTION (continued on back cover)

The WVRQ Radio Broadcast and Viroqua Bulletins are given by Robert and Janet Starr remembering our service men and women who fought and died on December 7th (WW II)

****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**

Postlude: “From Heaven Above” By: David Schack
Please Join Us for Cookies and Coffee following service.

Calendar of Events

Sun., Dec. 11th		Advent III
		Sunday School Christmas Program @ LP & V
Tues., Dec. 13th	6:30 p.m.	Trustees @ V
		Finance @ V
		Council @ V
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	10:30 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

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

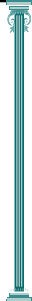
USHERS Brian & Tammy Gardner Aaron and Angie Hanson

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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*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