

ANNUNCIATION

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

MATTHEW 2:6



December 6th, 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

We have headsets for those who need hearing assistance. Please see an usher to obtain one.

**Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE **“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME”** **ARR BY: WILBUR HELD**

(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** **“HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED”** **UMH No. 203**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

LP—ANDY DIEHL FAMILY ; V—DALE AND JOLENE GUDGEON

THIS IS THE SECOND CANDLE, THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE, THE CANDLE OF THE ANNUNCIATION. MATTHEW 2:6 STATES, “BUT YOU, BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE RULERS OF JUDAH, FOR OUT OF YOU WILL COME A RULER WHO WILL BE THE SHEPHERD OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.” THESE WORDS HERALD IN THE ANNUNCIATION FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET, MICAH. MARY AND JOSEPH WOULD TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM AS PART OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS PROPHETIC ANNUNCIATION. BETHLEHEM WOULD BE THE BIRTH PLACE OF THE LONG AWAITED SAVIOR, JESUS.

PRAYER: O LOVING GOD, WHOSE WAYS ARE PERFECT, AND WHO SHARES YOUR PERFECTION WITH US THROUGH CHRIST, INCREASE OUR LOVE THAT WE MAY GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO LIVE THE LIFE THAT ENJOYS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH COMES THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, IN WHOSE NAME WE PRAY. AMEN

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF THE ANNUNCIATION

TODAY WE ARE PLACING JOSEPH AND MARY AS A SIGN OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ANNUNCIATION.

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION **UMH No. 12**
(AT THE RAIL)

(CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

****CALL TO WORSHIP** **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH** **UMH No. 208**

****OPENING PRAYER** (PRAY IN UNISON)

O LORD, OUR GOD AND SAVIOR, COME AMONG US. IN THIS WORSHIP HOUR, OPEN OUR MINDS TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PURPOSE FOR EACH OF US. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO MAKE A READY RESPONSE TO YOUR VOICE. GIVE US UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR WILL, AND THE COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS, WHO SAID, “I AM COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.” MAY WE HEED THE MESSAGE TO REPENT AND BRING FORTH FRUITS THAT SHOW TRUE REPENTANCE. INCREASE OUR LOVE FOR YOU, O GOD, AND FOR ONE ANOTHER, WE ASK THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **MALACHI 3:1-4**

PEW BIBLE NO. 1131

NEW TESTAMENT READING **PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11**

PEW BIBLE NO. 1429

****GOSPEL READING** **JOHN 1:1-13**

PEW BIBLE NO. 1279

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

P: *THANKS BE TO GOD.*

SERMON **“THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HIS SON”**

***HYMN** **“MY SOUL GIVES GLORY”** **UMH No. 198**

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER **UMH No. 895**

L: *LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,*

P: *HEAR OUR PRAYER.*

OFFERING **“BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR”** **ARR. BY: A. BECK**

****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**

****CLOSING HYMN** **“EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL” (TWICE)** **UMH No. 204**

***BENEDICTION**

MAY THE ROOTS OF YOUR FAITH BE DEEP DURING HEAVY WINDS, AND MAY THE FRUITS OF YOUR FAITH BE PLENTIFUL DURING THE HARVEST. MAY YOU PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE ONE WHO WILL COME, BEING FILLED WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS” (REFRAIN)** **UMH No.**

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POSTLUDE **“KOMT EN LAAT ONS CHRISTUS”** **BY: COR KEE**

Calendar of Events

Sun., Dec. 6th	7:00 p.m.	Caroling of the choirs @ Good Shepherd
Tues., Dec. 8th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting @ V
Wed., Dec. 9th	5:30 p.m.	LP UMW
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thurs., Dec. 10th	6:30 p.m.	Pastor Jean leads Westby & Salem Ridge Charge Conference
Sat., Dec. 12th	1:30 p.m.	Christmas Program Practice-V
Sun. Dec. 13th		Sunday School Programs LP & V
Tues., Dec. 15th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Finance @ V
	7:00 p.m.	Council @ V

Prayer List: Jerald M. Hester N., Leon M., family of Ida Robson, Sawyer C.

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LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

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LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING

885.49

1,721.20

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