

A lit purple candle stands in the center of a window with a grid pattern. The candle is lit, with a bright flame. The window is dark, and the candle's light illuminates the surrounding area. At the bottom of the image, there is a decorative garland with green pine needles and purple and red ornaments.

FILL US ALL WITH

Hope

November 27th, 2016

First Sunday in Advent—UM Student Day

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.*

PRELUDE “LO, HOW A ROSE E’RE BLOMING”

SETTING BY: PAUL MANZ AND RALPH MARRYOLT

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

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE “BREAK FORTH O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT” UMH NO. 223**

LIGHTING OF FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

LP—BILL AND SANDY MAROHL; V— DAN AND BARB CASPER

LEADER: One candle is lit to remind us that we walk in the light of the Lord.

People: **The light of Jesus overcomes the darkness of sin.**

Leader: The light of Jesus shatters the darkness of despair.

People: **The light of Jesus drives out even the darkness of death.**

Leader: One candle is lit to remind us that we walk in the light of the Lord.

People: **Come, let us walk in the light 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 hope for the return of our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE

TODAY WE ARE PLACING THE MANGER ANIMALS AS A SIGN OF HOPE.

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

PSALM 72:1-17, RESP. 1

UMH No. 795

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

The “day that shall come to pass” is now. The “house of the God of Jacob and Rachel” is here. O God, be with us in these moments in this place, that in days to come we may remain with you as we walk in the world. **AMEN.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

PEW BIBLE NO. 810

****HYMN**

“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

UMH No. 230

****NEW TESTAMENT READING**

ROMANS 13:11-14

PEW BIBLE NO. 1379

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 1:6-14

PEW BIBLE NO. 1279

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

P: *THANKS BE TO GOD*

SERMON

“THE LIGHT” (INTERVIEW WITH ISAIAH)

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

UMH No. 895

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

OFFERING

“LIFT UP YOUR HEADS”

By: Williams/Cassler

****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**

“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME”

UMH No. 214

****BENEDICTION**

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

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“HE IS LORD”

UMH No. 177

POSTLUDE:

“WAKE, AWAKE FOR NIGHT IS FLYING”

BY: PAUL MANZ

Calendar of Events

Sun., Nov. 27th	2:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Concert @ V
Tues., Nov. 29th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice @ V
Wed., Nov. 30th	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice @ V
Thurs., Dec. 1st	8:45 a.m.	V MA @ Church of Christ
Sun., Dec. 4th		Advent II
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Dress Rehearsal @ LP Church
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Caroling of the Choirs
Tues., Dec. 6th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	LP Admin. Bd. Mtg.
Wed., Dec. 7th	9:00 a.m.	Hymn Selection
Thurs., Dec. 8th	11:30 a.m.	V UMW—Luncheon @ Kickapoo Corners
Sat., Dec. 10th	9:00 a.m.	Cookie Walk @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Sun., Dec. 11th		Advent III
		Sunday School Christmas Program @ LP & V
Tues., Dec. 13th	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees @ V
		Finance @ V
		Council @ V

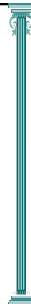
Prayer List: Carol H., Ann H., Robert P., Lana D., Orvis P., John E., Monica F., Lisa M., Fay Z., Joie S., Gerry E., John Porter, Mary Cheever's mom, Nora, Family of Larry McGarry, Family of Tom Bolstad

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	Arden & Lynn Zitzner, Billy, Tolla & Axell Lepke, Seth &	Jerry Schroeder/Dan Casper
GREETERS	Chandlor Volden	Shirley Gilman
LITURGIST	Amy Hardy	Sonja Bjerkos
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	44	59
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$3,497.50	\$1,320.70

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