



Hope

November 30th, 2014

1st Sunday of 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 “THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME” TRADITIONAL BASQUE CAROL
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** “O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” **UMH No. 211**
VERSES 1,3,5,7

HANGING OF THE GREENS

LIGHTING OF FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

READER ONE: Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, The Light of the World.

ALL: God of Promise, come into our darkness. Renew your hope in us, for you alone bring life out of death.

READER TWO: Receive God’s promise of hope from Psalm 33: The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

ALL: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF HOPE TODAY WE ARE PLACING THE ANGEL AS A SIGN OF HOPE.

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

Today, O God, we are united together in your presence, in the fellowship of your Son, Jesus. And though we come from many different places and come with many different needs, we know that you will pour out your blessing so that, as we leave, we may leave with the consciousness that we have met you today. For this we praise you. *Amen.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

(CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

L: Lord, in your mercy P: Hear our prayer

UMH No. 895

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 9:1-7

PEW BIBLE NO. 817

NEW TESTAMENT READING

EPHESIANS 5:8-10

PEW BIBLE NO. 1425

****HYMN**

“WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL?”

UMH No. 190

****GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 4:12-17

PEW BIBLE NO. 1141

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

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

OFFERING

“WHAT IS THIS LOVELY FRAGRANCE?”

BY: PAUL MANZ (V)

****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**

“PEOPLE LOOK EAST”

UMH No. 202

***BENEDICTION**

Know that Christ goes with you. Know the bond of fellowship you have in Christ. Know the communion of the Holy Spirit. Know that God’s Word is truth. And it shall not pass away. *Amen.*

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL” (REFRAIN) **UMH No. 204**

**** POSTLUDE** “YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES” BY WILBUR HELD (V)

Viroqua & Liberty Pole UMC Bulletins and Radio Broadcast

The Liberty Pole bulletins are given by Wayne & Barb Robson in honor of their grandchildren who are students.

The Radio Broadcast and the Viroqua bulletins are given in honor of our joint Worship Committee and their work in preparation for Advent.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST	4:30 PM - Drum Practice
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND	7:00 PM - Council Meeting LP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD	4-5:30 PM - Confirmation Class
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH	11:30 AM - Viroqua UMW Carpool, Noon Lunch
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH	Second Sunday of Advent 7:00 PM Caroling of the Choirs at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH	4:30 PM - Drum Practice
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH	10:00 AM - Lucky at Fairhaven 5:30 PM - LP UMW Christmas Party
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH	1:00 PM - Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal @ V
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH	Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School Christmas Program @ LP & V

Sunday, December 7th 1-5 PM Candy Cane Christmas Tour Of Homes, begin at the Vernon County Museum. Tickets \$8.00 with proceeds benefiting the museum. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, December 13th 9:00 AM (until sold out) Cookie Walk at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. All profits benefit local and global missions.

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	John & Rita Burckhardt	Dale & Jolene Gudgeon
GREETERS	John & Rita Burckhardt	Betty Ross
LITURGIST	Amy Hardy	Sonja Bjerkos
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	73	70
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$1263.65	\$1269

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

A TIME FOR Hope

ADVENT is a time of hope. Little people excitedly hope for Christmas toys. Big people hope for employment or health. Underneath it all, we put our hopes in the loving hands



of our gracious God. Whatever happens, God will be with us. The Son of God came to take our burdens and sin on his shoulders. This is the message of Advent all year round.

The Season of Advent begins the Church Year.

Here we go again! Hope next year is better than this.

Advent has been called a season of waiting or anticipation.

25 days! Too little time! Hope we get everything done.

In these four weeks we recall the longing of God's people for Emmanuel—"God with us."

O Lord! You know we've needed you this year. Don't forget us now. We've got a long way to go.

We anticipate the coming of Christmas again this year.

Hope the "Christmas spirit" lasts a little longer this year.

And we pray that our Lord will soon "Stir Up His Power ..."

We've got our hope on you.

"... And Come" again.

SYMBOLS AND WORDS OF ADVENT

WREATH The Advent wreath's bright candles remind us how the Light of the World overcomes the darkness.

CALENDAR Advent calendars help us count the days to Christ's birth. They give young and old a daily reminder that our hope rests with the holy child in the manger.

THE ANGEL announced to Mary and to Joseph that Mary would have a baby. He would be "God with us" and he would save his people from their sin.

A **CROWN** symbolizes the King of Glory, Jesus Christ, who left his position in glory to enter our world humbly and who will come again in glory to judge the world.

EMMANUEL is a Hebrew word meaning "God with us." Isaiah the prophet promised again and again that the Lord would come to be with his people. As a sign of this promise, the son in Isaiah 7:14 was called "God with us."

SON OF DAVID is the title of a descendant of the great Old Testament King David. To his family and town (Bethlehem) the Lord God sent Jesus, our Messiah.

MARANATHA! is an Aramaic word (the language Jesus spoke) meaning "Come, Lord!" The earliest Christians shouted this word in their worship. Listen to our Advent prayers (called "collects") each Sunday where we cry, "Stir up your power, O Lord, and come!"