

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2019



Pastor - Pastor Bob Sielaff
Music Director - Larisa Soboleva
Worship Leader - Jean Mackey

Order of Celebration

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship

Leader: Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay close by us forever and love us, we pray.

All: **Immanuel, we invite you to draw near and dwell with us. Surround us with your tender, caring presence, that what we say and do in worship might prepare us to live forever with you n heaven. In your powerful name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn: The First Noel UMH 245

A Time of Confession and Assurance

Leader: Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world or trusted your good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less.

All: **Forgive our doubt and renew in us all holy desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

Leader: The Lord's grace is sure. God has looked with favor upon his people and has redeemed them. God has raised up a mighty Savior from the house of David. God spoke through the prophets of old so that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. God shows mercy and remembers his promises. Thanks be to God for this gift of forgiveness and salvation.

All: Amen.

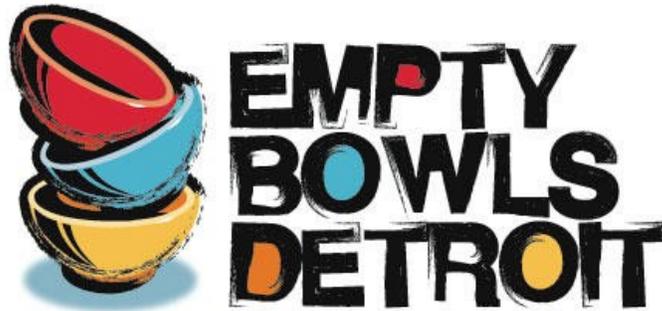
Hymn Away in a Manger UMH 217

THE WORD

Gospel Lesson John 1: 1 - 18 pg 1289

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1: 3 - 14 pg 1423

Message Totally Set Free in 2020



BENEFITING CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

Join us as we partner with First Dearborn and Empty Bowls Detroit to paint some soup bowls. The Bowls will then be sold by Empty Bowls at farmers markets and at their benefit dinner at Eastern Market. It will raise money for Cass Community Social Services.

When: January 18

Time: 2-4 PM

Cost: \$10

Where: Frist Dearborn UMC

Go to www.emptybowlsdetroit.com for more information.