

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

**Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*

WELCOME

If you are a visitor with us today, we warmly say welcome. We invite you to join us at the rear of the sanctuary after worship for fellowship and refreshment. Please take a moment and fill out the "Ritual of Friendship" pads at this time. **Please list all family members attending today, your address and phone number**, and then pass the books back through the pews after everyone has signed, so you may greet and know those sitting with you.

PRELUDE

Traditional Carols

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

We are that people.

For a child has been born for us.

Christ is that light.

For God's own Son has been given to us.

He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,

And there shall be endless peace through his glorious reign.

Let all creation shout for joy.

Let heaven and nature sing.

***OPENING PRAYER**

With joy in our hearts and praise on our lips, we come into your presence this night, to celebrate our glorious Prince of Peace.

With wreaths of fir and boughs of holly, we celebrate the Word made flesh that made all things new. With candlelight and

ancient carols, we rejoice that justice and righteousness came to rule this very night. Welcome to our world, holy child.

Welcome to our lives. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

RESPONSE

Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

***HYMN**

"The First Noel"
UMH #245

READING

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born. ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

KID'S MOMENTS

While children come down for Kid's Moments sing
"Away In the Manger" (Pg #219)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Still, Still, Still"
Alison Swanson Jodi Major, Kati Swanson,
Gretchen Stanley, Jeremy Swanson,
Mark Mettler, and Brent Meyer

READING

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

***HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
UMH #234

READING

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"O Holy Night!"
Adolphe Adam
UM #95

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Light of love, fill the world with the hope of your salvation. As

we offer you our deepest gratitude for the birth of your Son, we bring you the gift of our very lives. Join our hearts to the joy of the angels and shepherds, as we send our offering out into the world, that others may share the joy of this holy night. Amen.

DEVOTION

Rev Andrea Kraushaar

***HYMN**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
UMH #240

COMMUNION SERVICE (See Screen)

Communion Meditation
Communion

UM #13

Offering plates are placed at the front of the center aisle for your
tithes and gifts.

***HYMN**

"Silent Night"
UMH #239

***BLESSING**

***HYMN**

"Joy to the World"
UMH #246

POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah!"
George Frederic Handel

Additional poinsettia:

In memory of:

*Maynard Koppen, from Eva Koppen, Dori Snow, Kathy &
Robert Shearer, and Dan Sandra Koppen*



Poinsettias

In Honor of:

Our Family, from Dick and Deanna Rhiner

Our Family, from Jason, Jodi, Maddy & Brady

Major

Our Family, from Robert & Charlene Anderson

Bob & Donna Pearson, from Eric Pearson and Sarah

Livingston

Jaime & Colin Pearson, from Eric Pearson and Sarah Livingston

Our children and grandchildren, from Jerry & Connie Schnurr

The Music of the Church, from Scott Johnston

Dale & Dorothy Merrill and Jay Peterson, from Cody & Katie

Peterson

Louise Arndt, from Jeff & Cheryl Trunnell

In Memory of:

Dr. W. C. and Bernice Thatcher, from Bill and Carol Thatcher

Paul and Joanne Anderson, from Bill and Carol Thatcher

Dean Heideman, Vern & Marion Foster, and Hiram and Velma

Heideman, from Betty Heideman

Our parents, from Jim and Gary Stephenson

Parents, Carl & Ruth Schmalenberger, from John Schmalenberger

Walter and Iren Schmoker, from Tom and Norma Schmoker

George and Lilian Somerville, from Tom and Norma Schmoker

Glen and Mary Beck, from Jerry & Linda Beck

Henry & Catherine Martens, from Jerry & Linda Beck

Silvio Ronconi, from Jolen Ronconi and Scott McQueen

Grandparents, from Scott McQueen

Gail Niceswanger, from Betty Niceswanger

Lewis Berry, from Kaye Berry

*Ken and Betty Main nad Laura Crawford, from Marcia Main
Our parents, from Gary & Joan LeValley
Beverly (Davis) Nelson, from Ike Nelson
Larry Major, from Jason, Jodi, Maddy and Brady Major
Husband, William S. Gibb, from Jane Gibb
Parents, Hugh and Dorothy Templeton
Shirley Seltz, from don Seltz
Becky Warren-Seltz and Jim Warren, from Don Seltz
Son, Lucas Charles Ham, from Joni & John Olson
Robert Skophammer, from Velva Skophammer and Family
Donald Fibiker, from Mary Lou Fibiker
Jim Murphy, from Sue Murphy
Jeremy's Grandma Doris and Alison's father, Roger Dreesen, from
Jeremy & Alison Swanson
Our parents, from Jerry & Connie Schnurr
Dr. Hoyt Allan, from Marlo & Lori Branderhorst & Family
Nick & Nellie Branderhorst, for Marlo & Lori Branderhorst &
Family
Thaddeus Zaharia, from Dave & Lori Beekman & Family
Kristen Kuhlman, from Dave & Lori Beekman & Family
Grandparents and Mom, from Scott & Stephanie Day
Ray (Hap" and Dori Johnson, from Scott Johnston
Diane Logan, from Scott Johnston
Don & Lois Biggins, Joe & Emma McConnell, and Ivan Peterson,
From Body & Katie Peterson
Loved ones, from Jeff & Cheryl Trunnell
My husband, Ralph Drollinger, from Lila Drollinger
Dick and Margaret Paulin, from family*

