

MESSAGE – Pastor Amy Barr
(Message based on the following scripture: Matthew 1:18-25
“The Birth of Jesus”)

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION – Pastor Amy Barr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Pastor Amy Barr

CLOSING HYMN OF DEDICATION

(Please stand as you are able.)

“In the Bleak Midwinter” #221

BENEDICTION – Pastor Amy Barr

CHORAL BENEDICTION – The Chancel Choir

“He Came Down”

“He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; Hallelujah forevermore.”

The Offering Plates are in the front and the back of the church. You may leave your offering before or after the service.

Offering Received Last Week: December 14, 2025

General Fund \$1,760

Attendance 69

Pianist: Deb Sykes, Donna Ufferman

Chancel Choir Members: Sharon Crego, Deb Hartong, Shaun Hartong, Terry Houston, Sandie King, Heather Kopycinski, Dianne Moreland, Gayle Oberlitner, Carol Stoye, Dave Ufferman, Donna Ufferman,

Brenda Veltre, Robin White

Choir Director: Deb Sykes

Acolytes: Gavin and Tanner White

Bell Ringers: Gavin, and Tanner White

Sound Technician: Shaun Hartong

“Button Pusher”: Dennis Sykes

Pastor: Pastor Amy Barr

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WELCOME TO THE CENTERBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



“The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.”

December 21, 2025

Welcome to

The Centerburg United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love

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GATHERING MUSIC – Deb Sykes & Donna Ufferman

“The First Noel”

Arr. by Robert Vandall

CHORAL INTROIT – The Chancel Choir

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – John Thatcher

ADVENT HYMN SING

(Please stand as you are able.)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #240 (verses 1 & 3)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” #238 (verses 1 & 2)

“Joy to the World” #246 (verses 1 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP – John Thatcher

Leader: Here in worship – we pray together, we stand together, we sing together, we listen together.

CONGREGATION: Here in worship – we are not alone.

Leader: So when life gives you reason to grieve, to fear, or to worry, remember this moment.

CONGREGATION: We are not alone. Let us worship our with-us God.

ADVENT HYMN

(Please remain seated.)

(The group lighting the Advent Candle #4 may come down now to the Advent Wreath)

“Light The Advent Candle” #2090 (verse 4)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John & Beth Thatcher

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Pastor Amy Barr

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER – Pastor Amy Barr

CHILDREN’S MOMENT - Pastor Amy Barr

SCRIPTURE READING – Sharon Crego

Isaiah 41:5-10 “The Lord Controls Human Events”,

“Islands and foreign nations saw what I did and trembled as they came near.”

“What Can Idols Do?”

“Worshippers of idols comfort each other, saying ‘Don’t worry!’ Woodcarvers, goldsmiths, and other workers encourage one another and say, ‘We’ve done a great job!’ Then they nail the idol down, so it won’t fall over.”

“The Lord’s Chosen Servant”

Israel, you are my servant. I chose you, the family of my friend Abraham. From far across the earth I brought you here and said, ‘You are my chosen servant. I haven’t forgotten you.’ Don’t be afraid. I am with you. Don’t tremble with fear. I am your God. I will make you strong as I protect you with my arm and give you victories.”

PRAYER HYMN

(Please stand as you are able.)

“There’s a Song in the Air” #249

OFFERTORY PRAYER – Pastor Amy Barr

ANTHEM – The Chancel Choir

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Said the night wind to the little lamb, “Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb. Do you see what I see? Do you see what I see?”

A star, a star, Dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite.”

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, “Do you hear what I hear? Do you hear what I hear? Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy. Do you hear what I hear? Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song high above the tree, With a voice as big as the sea, With a voice as big as the sea.”

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, “Do you know what I know? Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know? Do you know what I know? A child, a child, shivers in the cold, Let us bring Him silver and gold, Let us bring Him silver and gold.”

Said the king to the people everywhere, “Listen to what I say: Pray for peace people ev’rywhere! Listen to what I say: The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light.

Bring us light!”



Given in Memory

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Eugene R. Veltre John & Judy McDavid	Brenda R. Veltre
Jim Binns	Stephanie Binns
George & Barbara Thatcher	John & Beth Thatcher
John Siegel Joe & Helen Davis Bob & Ruth Siegel	Suz Siegel
Audie & Lucille Wright William A. Eagon Oliver Edward Wright	Brenda Stegle
Don Jeffery Loren & Edna Jeffery	Janice Jeffery

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My Family	Dagna Scarbrough
Thatcher Family	John & Beth Thatcher