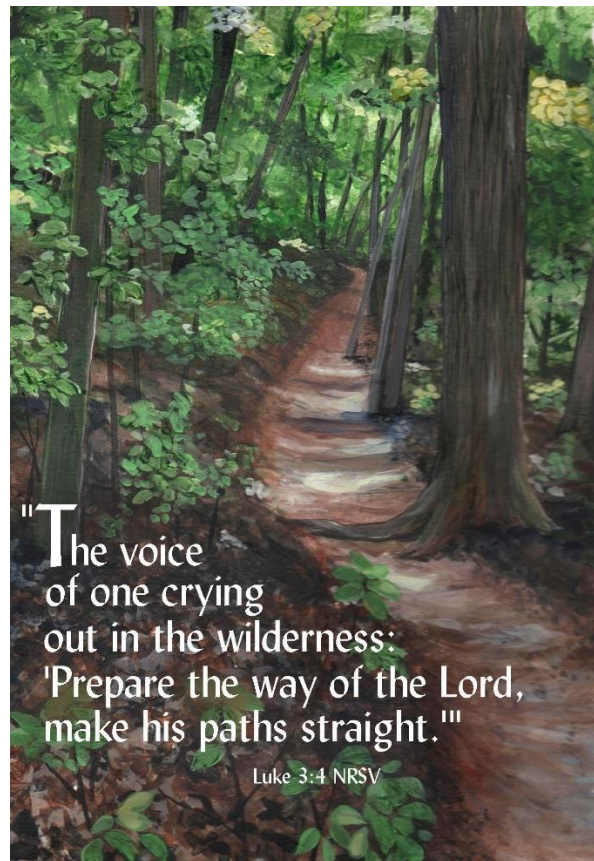




"The voice
of one crying
out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Luke 3:4 NRSV

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WORSHIP TIME: 10:30AM

*Sunday School during worship/ Coffee Hour follows worship
Celebrating over 190 years of serving Christ and the community
Incorporated: September 1828*

Our Mission Statement:

*To be a church alive with Christ by living, growing and declaring
the Good News of Jesus.*

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR Westminster Chimes

***Please stand for the entrance of the Christ Candle**

***PRAYER of INVOCATION:**

Lector: Amanda Mosher

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Heralds of Christ* **UMH 567** **Lector: Amanda Mosher**

*CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881 Lector: Amanda Mosher

CHILDREN'S TIME *This, This is Where Children Belong* TFWs 2233
(Children leave for Sunday School after the lesson)

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 3:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of God for us, the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Come Home for Christmas: The Fear of Home* Pastor Michele

PASTORAL PRAYER with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION **Great Thanksgiving** **UMH 13**

CLOSING HYMN *Toda Is Tierra (All Earth is Waiting)* **UMH 210**

***BENEDICTION...**

L: Can you be a voice crying in the wilderness? Can you proclaim that God is active in the world?

P: Maybe?

L: The time is near of the crowning of the year.

P: We sing with angels, setting the roadways and the buildings humming.

L: As people who are being changed, we go into a world that is being changed.

P: Ready to share the Good News that the long-expected Jesus is coming, that we are being freed from whatever binds us.

ALL: Glory be to God!

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you

P: And also with you.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

UMH 431

POSTLUDE

***Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit**

Announcements:

- 1) Trustees will have their regular meeting on December 7 at 7:00pm.
- 2) On December 9, the UMW will gather at 11:00am for their Christmas celebration and luncheon. Bring a dish to pass and items for the silent auction. **All members of Soup & Scripture are invited to join them for lunch at 11:30 (no bible study this day).**
- 3) On 12/18 we will be caroling to the community. We'll meet at the church at 6:00pm (NOTE: Time Change) and have cocoa afterward.
- 4) December 19 is our Children's Christmas Program during worship. Please plan to be present to hear the Christmas story in a new and fresh way.
- 5) Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 7:00pm.
- 6) Don't forget to record your prayer requests on the form which is in the kitchen. Pastor will lift these names during each week's Pastoral Prayer. You can also email or call her, whichever way is easier for you. The Webpage is also a very easy and convenient way to ask for prayer. Just click on the Prayer tab near the top of the page.

Prayers of the People:

May God hear our prayers for... Teddy & Clifford Crampton, Joe & Kim Miranda, Emily Dunckle, John Yetter, Riley (Morgan's friend), Asa & Kennedy, Stephen TaylorRoth, Earl Howell, *Marge Sampson, the family of Cathy Keep*, Gloria Dayton

And also our New Prayer Requests for...

NOTE: Names who are added to our prayer list will automatically stay on for two weeks. You will see these names in regular font the first week, *italics* the second week and the third week their name will rotate off our list. When a name in *italics* should remain on our prayer list for an additional two-week rotation, please let Pastor know in writing via email or text. If you know of someone who can come OFF our prayer list also advise Pastor. Thank you.