

Welcome to Our Church
Weimar United Church
of Christ (UCC)

Weimar United Church of Christ
wishes you and your family a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*For unto
us a
Child
is born*

A small black silhouette of a nativity scene, featuring a manger with a star above it and a figure inside.

December 24, 2019

#AngelsAmongUs

Message brought by Rev. Karl Tewold



WEIMAR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Every Member, a Minister

Rev. Karl Tewold, Guest Pastor

Mrs. Gwen Tewold, Liturgist

Mrs. Carolyn H. Dahse, Pianist

Mr. Dickie Muehr, Song Leader

December 24, 2019	Christmas Eve	6:00 p.m.
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Enter Reverently – Meditate Quietly – Worship Devoutly

Welcome to members, friends & guests. May all who worship experience the presence of God.

Guests, there is a "Welcome to our Church!" card in a pocket on the back of the pew.

Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate.

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Christmas Eve Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Harvey & Linda Vornsand

We live in a world of twitter and hashtag communication. Tonight, we will learn how God communicates divine love for all of creation.

Tonight, we light the candle of Christ; the symbol of God's light in our world.

Congregational Response:

We remember that Jesus Christ, God's Son, has come to bring God's joy, salvation and peace into the world.
Amen.

Carol:

"O Come, All You Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

The World Became Flesh—#EternalLife

John: 1-1-5, 14 (N.T. pg. 86)

Closing Prayer:

Lord, now let your servants go in peace; your Word has been heard and your promises fulfilled. Our eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all people, a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people. **Amen. Amen!**
Merry Christmas! Go in Peace.

Congregational Response:

Threefold Amen"

(Please be seated until ushered to leave")

Postlude

Depart To Serve

SHARING OF COMMUNION

All of you are invited to participate in communion with us. Please know that it is the tradition of this church that we partake of the bread as we receive it, as a sign of our personal relationship with Christ. We hold the cup until all have been served so that we might partake as one family of faith. The inner most ring of the communion cups contains grape juice – all others contain wine.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Lighting of Our Candles:

Carol:

“Silent Night”

Silent night! holy night! All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! holy night! Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth! Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

“Get Up and Go”- #MoreLife

Matthew 2:1-23 (N.T. pg 1)

Carol:

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains. Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow, Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Advent Prayer: (Let us pray together)

Merciful God, you sent your messengers, angels and prophets to teach repentance and hope, and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to hear their messages and turn away from our sins, so that we may truly celebrate the commemoration of the nativity, and await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

“Do not be afraid.” - #TheAngels

Carol:

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo--ria, in excelsis Deo, Glo--ria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo--ria, in excelsis Deo, Glo--ria, in excelsis Deo

“Make Ready a People” - #MoreHope

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 (N.T. pg. 52)

Carol:

“There’s a Song in the Air”

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer, And a baby's low cry
And the star rains its fire While the beautiful sing
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

In the light of that star, Lie the ages impearled
And that song from afar Has swept over the world
Every hearth is aflame And the beautiful sing
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

“Nothing is Impossible” - #MorePeace

Luke 1:26-56 (N.T. pg. 53)

Carol:

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging Angels singing, Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you, Christ the Babe was born for you!

“Do Not Be Afraid” - #MoreJoy

Matthew 1:18-25 (N.T. pg. 1)

Carol:

“What Child Is This”

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and donkeys are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce him through, the cross he bore for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

“This Will Be a Sign” - #MoreLove

Luke 2:1-20 (N.T. pg. 54)

Carol:

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon a midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall cover all the earth, its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world gives back the song Which now the angels sing.

Christmas Prayer:

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, He may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our creator, to whom we give everlasting praise and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Christmas Offering:

Weimar UCC is using electronic giving for those who wish to contribute using that method. Scan the QR Code shown here with your smartphone camera to connect to our secure website and make your donation electronically.



Special Music:

“NOEL ”

Kristy Janak-Janecka,
Mayo Walker & Carolyn H. Dahse

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.
In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you sent from your own being as our Savior.
We praise you for Christ’s birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.
Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:
Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Most Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take, Eat, This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: “Drink from this, all of you; for this cup is my blood of the covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” We remember Christ’s promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Amen.

Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?
Is not the wine we pour a sharing in the blood of Christ?
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Amen.