

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

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



*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 lying inside.

**December 24, 2020**

***"They Saw"***

*Message brought by Rev. Gerry Metzger*



**WEIMAR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

403 West Main – Weimar, TX 78962  
Every Member, a Minister  
Rev. Gerry Metzger, Guest Pastor  
Mr. Kelly Janak, Liturgist

Mrs. Karen Beken, Organist

Mr. Dickie Muehr, Song Leader

December 24, 2020	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**

Because God so loves the world,  
    **This beautiful and broken world,**  
This divided and distanced world,  
    **This warming and burning world,**  
This lost and hurting world,  
    **God’s love is made flesh.**  
For such a time as this,  
    **A child is born unto us.**  
For such a time as this,  
    **The light of Christ shines upon us.**  
In a stinky stable turned birthing room,  
    **New visions of family and community are born.**  
By the surprising subversion of God’s in-breaking love,  
    **The burden of injustice is thrown off.**  
Through the ages-old song of angels and shepherds,  
    **God’s glory is proclaimed.**  
On this holy night, the one we’ve been watching for is here.  
    **On this holy night, the time we’ve been waiting for is now.**  
Let us rejoice together!  
    **Glory to God in the highest, and peace and goodwill to all!**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

A Reading from Romans 5:1-5

**\*Congregational Response**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Kelly Janak Family  
# 148

Harvey & Linda Vornsand      In Memory of their Parents—  
   Alvin & Katie Vornsand and Bill & Ottilia Klare

Vera & George Brandt      In Honor of their Children. Grandchildren and  
   Great-Grandchildren

Bernice Hanzy,      In Memory of Charles Hanzy  
                         Lizetta Vanicek & Family,  
                         Dena Berger & Family, and  
                         Dawn Davila & Family

Gina, Tommy, Lawson,      In Memory of their Grandparents  
   and Charlie Lamme      and Great-Grandparents

Lee Beken      In Memory of his Mother—Wilma Beken  
Ross Jaster      In Honor of Cohen Hessler

Ross Jaster      In Memory of his Parents--Glenn & Vinnie Jaster

Darla & Mike Maxwell      In Honor of Austen Marie Hogan

Langette Kahlden and Family      In Memory of Leslie Kahlden

David & Debbie Little      In Memory of Harvey Knebel; Lillian & Edwin Knebel

Bob & Sharon Hugtte      In Memory of Johnnie & Jimmy Hugtte

Bob & Sharon Hugtte      In Memory of Ann & Richard Lybarger

Larry & Cynthia Szydlar      In Memory of Alex & Tina Szydlar

The Altar Flowers were given in Loving Memory of  
Edgar, Bill, & Maurice Beken; Clem Nava; and, Delbert Fuchs  
(By the Brooksie Beken Fuchs Family, and  
the Will Ann Beken Nava Family)

Thanks to all  
who provided the  
Beautiful Poinsettias:

Kelly & Kathy Janak	In Memory of Maxine & Albert Janak
Kenneth & Julia Krizak	In Honor of their Son and his Family
Bob & Bonnie Parish	In Memory of his Mother, Zell Parish, and her Parents, Frank & Kim Briggs
Rosalie & Emily Latimer	In Memory of George Latimer
Mariann & Dickie Muehr	In Memory of the Saints of our Church
Jacklyn Marak-Bartosh	In Memory of Parents-Jack & Felton Matthews, and Brother-Harold Thomas Matthews
Jacklyn Marak-Bartosh	In Memory of her Sons—Ronnie Brandt & Ricky Marak, and Daughter-in-Law--Terry Brandt
Elliott Koghn	In Memory of Ava Koghn
Larry & Sophie Logssin, Jenny & Clifford Grohmann, and Mike Logssin	In Memory of Lawrence & Johnnie Logssin
Leon Hattermann & Family	In Memory of Alice Hattermann
Gerald & Donna Kosler	In Memory of their Godson—Case Bradley Beken
Gerald & Donna Kosler	In Memory of their Parents, Adel & Emil Teltshick and Bennie & Laura Kosler

SEEKING GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

The coming of Christmas challenges all our pretensions. We who have sought to organize and manage the world through our finite understandings are confronted with the wonder of Bethlehem. A baby carries God’s revelation, and we are convicted of our neglect. Let us seek to reclaim God’s mercy.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we confess our fear to let down our guard, to feel the wonder, to believe the good news. Why would love choose to live among us, who are so unloving in our words and deeds? Why would you choose to place Trusting Innocence in the hands of sinners like us? We are afraid to bow down, lest we be accused of sentimental weakness. We hesitate to embrace the joy, lest it turn to disappointment in the cruel realities of this world. Forgive us, God, and awaken the child within us, we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us for lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly. Jesus Christ has come to us as God’s gift. In Christ, we are redeemed from iniquity and purified to live as God’s own people. Glorify and praise God through your zeal for good deeds. Accept and live within the peace God provides.

\*Hymn

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” # 160

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10 (O.T # 642) Zane Wanjura  
Matthew 1:18-25 (N.T. # 1) Dalton Turlington

Special Music

“Mary, Did You Know?” Kristy Janak-Janecka

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:26-37 (N.T. # 53) Rayleigh Huetten  
Luke 1:46-55 (N.T. # 53) Brooke Wanjura  
Luke 2:1-7 (N.T. # 54) Delaney Turlington

Special Music

“Welcome to Our World” Dalinda Shelton

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20 (N.T. # 54) Rev. Gerry Metzger

Sermon

“They Saw” Rev. Gerry Metzger

## Offertory Invitation

## Offertory



### \*Offertory Response

## "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

# 46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Unison Offertory Prayer**

Thank you, God, for all the gifts you have given us. Most of all, we are grateful for the human child who became the embodiment of your Love. With our offerings, we worship the babe of Bethlehem and re-commit ourselves as disciples of the man of Nazareth whom he grew up to be. May the ministry and mission of this church be true to our crucified and risen Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

## “Angels We Have Heard on High”

# # 155

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Distribution of the Light-Glow Sticks

## “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Mrs. Karen Beken

## Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5,14, 18 (N.T. # 86)

Rev. Gerry Metzger

\*Hymn

## “Silent Night, Holy Night”

## # 145

### **\*Benediction**

Rev. Gerry Metzger

### \*Recessional Hymn

## “Joy to the World”

## # 143

*(Please be seated until ushered to leave)*

## Postlude

## DEPART TO SERVE

*\*indicates all who are able, please stand.*

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