

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 16, 2018**

*\* please stand in body or spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

#267 TCH *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day v1, 2, 4*

\*GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is Good.

**P: All the Time.**

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\*CENTERING THOUGHTS

**Emmanuel, God with us. God is in our midst.**

**This is the promise of Advent.**

**This is the reality of life in Christ.**

**Emmanuel God with us.**

\*GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Mary Forde and Viviana Widner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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**

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #245 TCH

*O Come O Come Emmanuel v1-3*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE

*The Prophets*

Pastor Pam

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**O God, our salvation, spread joy through the gifts we bring.**

**Spring forth with salvation for all the earth,**

**that your good news may be proclaimed**

**and that all may rejoice with us as we proclaim your great deeds.**

**Amen**

OUR CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God, gather us together when we scatter**

**from one another. In the pain of regret we turn from sins**

**that separate us from one another and from You.**

**We come to you now with humble hearts,**

**ready to be healed in your saving grace and compassion,**

**which never fails. Amen**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*CLOSING HYMN #275 TCH *Sing We Now of Christmas v1-3*

\*BLESSING

L: As the prophets before us, let us proclaim God's good news.

**P: Following Jesus, we will proclaim God's love in word and deed.**

L: As the children of Zion, go forth rejoicing and singing God's praise.

**P: We go in joy and song, for God is our midst, in our hearts, and**

**in our world.**

\*BENEDICTION

## WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

### Coming Events

12/23 Children's Worship

Please join us for our Christmas Program on December 23. Our program will involve young and old to make the program complete. Dave Clark will be the narrator, Nicolette will be the Grinch, and the smaller kids will be the Who children. Enjoy Christmas through the wisdom of children.

12/24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Westby

### PRAYERS

Melissa, Morgan and Nathan, Paul, Pete, Joe, Anna, Emma, College kids, unnamed concerns, our community, our nation, our military and their families, our church in ministry.

**PRAISE** for Janet's new great grand Erica Jean, job for great grandson, praise for church family and our shared faith commitment

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Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.

*Faith United Methodist Church is part of the Driftless Regional Ministries which also includes Westby UMC, New Hope UMC, and Retreat UMC.*

### Sunday Schedule:

8 a.m. New Hope and Retreat Worship at Retreat in December  
9:30 a.m. Faith UMC Worship S3297 Salem Ridge Rd, La Farge  
10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby

If you have an announcement for the bulletin,  
please send to Pastor Pam. [pastor@driftlessministry.org](mailto:pastor@driftlessministry.org)

Card Shower for Emma McDonald and Anna Pierce at Norseland  
Nursing Home, 323 Black River Ave, #209, Westby 54667



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*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight. Luke 3:5*

**9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School**

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for the Transformation of the World*