

WESTBY UMC
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

** please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMNS

*#234 UMH O Come All Ye Faithful v1 and 3
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

*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.

*OPENING HYMN #219 UMH *What Child is This*

THE ADVENT TREES Jean Shore and Linda Weinau

RESPONSE #204 UMH *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

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

*HYMN #227 UMH *The Friendly Beasts*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 3:14-20

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE Children and Youth

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 now 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.**

*CLOSING HYMN #2095 TFWS *Star Child*

*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

*POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events

Monday 12/24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
4 p.m. service at New Hope UMC

January 28 6:30 p.m. Location TBD Wisconsin UMC Foundation informational meeting

PRAYERS

Tom Sharrott, Steven Dowling, Richard (Jane's dad), people who are lonely during the holidays;
the ministry of this church; those in need in our community; unnamed concerns.

Attendance: December 9 - 26

Contact Information: Pastor Pam Harkema, Office and Parsonage Phone: 608-648-2528
Pastor's cell phone: 989-666-1277 E-Mail pastor@driftlessministry.org
Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.

*Westby United Methodist Church is part of the Driftless Regional Ministries
which also includes Faith 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, 54639
10:45 a.m. Westby UMC Worship, 202 East State St., Westby, 54667

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please submit it by Tuesday night the week
before the desired service. Send to westby-umc@driftlessministry.org**

Giving Baskets:

A list of items needed for the Giving Baskets for December is on the bulletin board in the
entryway. Please bring in your donations by Sunday, Dec. 23rd.

Sunday Sermons on Channel 15:

The Sunday Sermons are now being broadcast on Vernon Communication's channel 15.

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1:30 PM	4:00 AM	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	4:30 AM	9:30 AM	12:00 AM
	6:30 PM	11:30 PM		7:00 PM		2:30 PM



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

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:45 AM Worship
Westby United Methodist Church
202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667

*Our calling is to reach all people
with the life-changing power of God's Love and Grace
available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*