

WESTBY UMC
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

** please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMNS

Welcome to Our World
How Great Our Joy!

*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

What was and is will be no more.

A small town houses the Messiah;

a young woman prophesies with power;

the poor are filled; the rich are empty;

a new order is established.

Jesus comes, to bring peace and joy and radical transformation.

Nothing will be the same again, for us or for our world.

*OPENING HYMN #220 UMH *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

THE ADVENT TREES Verna Drake and family

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:2-5

*HYMN #215 UMH *To A Maid Engaged to Joseph*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-56

MESSAGE *Mary* Pastor Pam

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

We offer you, O God, not what we have left over after our Christmas spending;

we offer our whole selves and our resources for the work of transforming our world.

May our offering make a difference,

in our community,

in our world,

in our church,

and in ourselves. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #240 UMH *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*BLESSING

L: Go with the love of God, who extends mercy from generation to generation.

P: We go illuminated by the Holy Spirit, who prepares us for the coming of our Lord.

L: Go with the love of the Christ child.

P: Christ comes to bring the kingdom that will never end. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events

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

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

PRAYERS

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

Attendance: December 16 – 55

Contact Information: Pastor Pam Harkema, Office and Parsonage Phone: 608-648-2528
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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

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made contributions to the "Baskets of Love" mission of the month and to those who assisted with preparing and delivering of the baskets! Through your generosity, we were able to provide Christmas meals for 12 families this year. Thank you for helping us to spread God's love to others!!

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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*And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant. ~Luke 1:46-48*

**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.*