



DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES
LIBERTY POLE, NEW HOPE, AND RETREAT
United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



^aThe true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ~John 1:9

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World*

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IN PERSON WORSHIP IS PAUSED

Please send offerings and tithes to Retreat, c/o Jodi Waddell, S6908 Missel Rd, De Soto 54624
Liberty Pole, c/o Bill Marohl, S3784 Bakkon Rd, Viroqua, WI 54665
New Hope UMC, c/o Gloria Warmuth, E812 County UU, De Soto 54624

Online worship is available at
<http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/lpnhr/>

*You can also access on our You Tube channel – Driftless Ministries
and on the church facebook pages: New Hope and Retreat UMC, and Liberty Pole UMC*

Worship service is broadcast on Vernon Communications channel 15. Look for Retreat UMC:
Monday 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 4:30 a.m. & 11:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Thursday 1:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m., Saturday 3:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. Sunday 5:30 p.m.

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PRELUDE

Tom Baker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

Charlie Groves, Liturgist

L: God is Good **P: All the Time**

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

God sent the Light to a world of darkness. The glory of the Lord shines on God's people! Rejoice!

HYMN #240 UMH

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope.

Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring.

Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy to reveal your love.

We offer our prayer and ourselves in the name of the One True Light who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

CHORAL RESPONSE #204 UMH

Emmanuel

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

OUR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

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

Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer

HYMN #234 UMH

O Come All Ye Faithful

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14

MESSAGE

All Come

Pastor Pam

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, your love renews us and restores our strength.

With gratitude, we offer you a portion of what you have given to us.

Receive our gifts, our prayers, and our service, that your church may become a source of light, hope, and love for the world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #230 UMH

O Little Town of Bethlehem

CLOSING BLESSING

God sent us the Light to teach us love, forgiveness, mercy, and grace. May we always live in the Light.

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #251 UMH *Go Tell It On The Mountain (chorus)*

ON THE CALENDAR

Anytime on facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine

Wednesday NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope
6:30 Retreat Board

Dec 24 Walk Through Christmas Eve Worship at New Hope and Liberty Pole 2-4 p.m.
Visit either church for a few minutes of reflection while you walk around the Sanctuary to visit stations which celebrate an aspect of Christmas. This is a come and go event. Plan for about 15-20 minutes to complete the stations, depending on attendance. CDC guidelines are in effect. Mask required and you will be distanced from others attending.

What are your favorite Christmas Carols and Hymns? Tell Pastor Pam by December 15.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY – five-week book study on The Post Pandemic Church. SIGN UP NOW!

PRAYERS

The United Methodist Church, our military home and abroad, our nation and her leaders, peace in our world, the ministry of the Driftless Region.

- *Retreat: Lawrence Bishop, Ron Hanson, Marla Withey*
- *Liberty Pole: Jeff Matson*
- *New Hope: Gloria Warmuth, Mae Ames, Marion Whitney, Carol Snitker*

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
You'll go down in history"

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy universal
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God, begotten, not made of one
Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel,
God with us. Revealed in us.
His name is called Emmanuel.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain.
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain.
That Jesus Christ is born

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. 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.*

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth!

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
o come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!