



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020



⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:6-7

*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/lpnh/>

*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

Max Thew

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

Debbie Groves, Liturgist

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

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

**In the fullness of time, God sent Christ, God's son,
that the world would know forever that God is with us.**

HYMN #219 UMH

What Child is This

OPENING PRAYER

Light of the world, shine upon us this night.

Shine in our lives, that we may shine with your love.

Shine in our world, that your light may overcome all darkness and fear.

Shine through our worship, that our souls may be strengthened with the power of your light and love.

In the name of love, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

CHORAL RESPONSE #204 UMH

Emmanuel

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

Frosty The Snow Man

HYMN #246 UMH

Joy To the World

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

MESSAGE

Where's The Joy?

Pastor Pam

HYMN #217

Away in a Manger

OFFERING PRAYER

With these gifts, O God, bring light to your people and love to the earth.

With our lives, shine light into the deepest shadows and help us

to share your love where it is needed most. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #239 UMH

Silent Night

CLOSING BLESSING

Jesus brings joy to the world now and forever.

The joy of Christ lives in my heart. Alleluia. Christ the Savior is born in me.

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #239 UMH *Silent Night*

ON THE CALENDAR

Anytime on Facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine

Wednesday NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope

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.

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*

Frosty The Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say
He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around
Oh, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me

Frosty the snowman Knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "let's run And we'll have some fun Now before I melt away"
Down to the village with a broomstick in his hand.
Running here and there all around the square saying catch me if you can.

He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop.
But he only paused a moment when he heard them holler stop!
Frosty the snowman had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye saying "Don't you cry I'll be back again some day"

What Child Is This

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Emmanuel

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

Away In A Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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

Joy To the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and
nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
found, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his
love, and wonders of his love.

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!