

WESTBY UMC
December 26, 2021

** please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONGS *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* #218 UMH
 The First Noel #245 UMH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L. Praise God from the heavens!

P. Praise Him from the skies above!

L. Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

P. Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

L. Praise God, all creatures great and small,

P. Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

L. Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

P. Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

L. Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

P. We gather to praise and worship our God!

* OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life:

open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;

forgive our obsession with property and possessions;

forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.

Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels,

and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY 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 OF PREPARATION *What Child is This?* #219 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18

MESSAGE *"In the Beginning Was the Word"*

SPECIAL MUSIC by the Shaw Family

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

*** Please place your offering in the plate as you leave, or send your offering by mail, or drop it off in the church mailbox by the south doors. ***

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

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #229 UMH

* SENDING FORTH (Unison)

Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope.

Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

*Welcome in the name of the Lord.
If you are visiting with us for the first time,
please fill out a visitor information card.*



WESTBY United Methodist Church December 26, 2021

Coming Events:

Dec. 26 10:00 AM – Fellowship
Jan. 2 9:00 AM - Worship

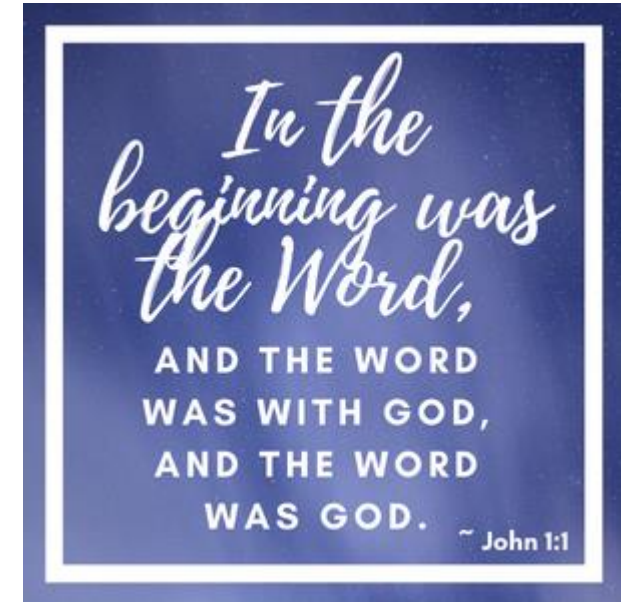
There will not be any Sunday school class on Sunday, Dec. 26th or Jan. 2nd.
Sunday school class will resume on Sunday, Jan. 9th.

PRAYERS

Izzy (Verna's niece), Shelly (Verna's daughter), Sheri (Verna's sister), Scott & Skip (Verna's brothers), Lisa (Verna's sister-in-law), Antonio (Verna's nephew), Hudson (Verna's grandson), Tom, staying safe as COVID cases are increasing, Adey and the other confirmation students and their mentors, Norsesland residents, our church family, Sunday School families, Pastor Erika, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry.

Pastor Erika Available on Sunday Mornings

If you have something you'd like to discuss with Pastor Erika in person, but don't have time to do it during the week, she is available on Sunday mornings, just before church begins, from 8:30-8:50 AM. Just come to church early and Pastor Erika will be happy to talk with you.



9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship after Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School

Westby United Methodist Church
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*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.*