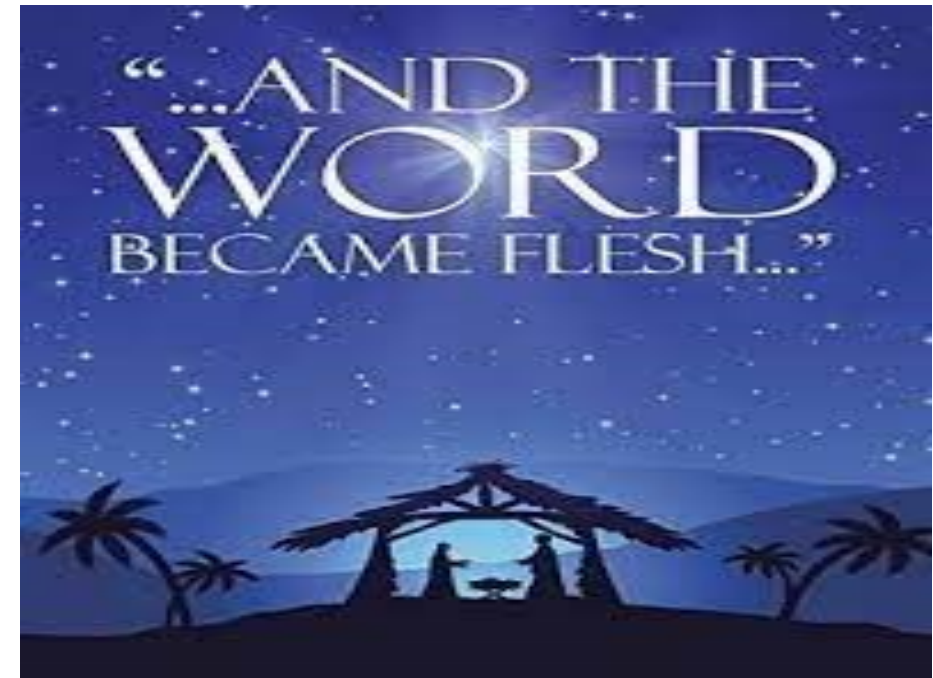


The bulletins and radio broadcast today are given by members and friends of the church.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday, December 26th 10:30 am Worship
- Wednesday, Dec. 29th 8:00 am Prayer Meeting (Zoom)  
(Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
- Saturday, December 31st HAPPY NEW YEAR
- Sunday, January 2nd 10:30 am Worship with Communion  
January Newsletters will be distributed

**Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Janet, Bud, Joanne, Chris, Gloria, Emily, Jim & Kathy, Leslie, Pat, Youth Program, those suffering from COVID, 2022.**



## Viroqua United Methodist Church

### Our Prayer

**God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes on behalf of Jesus Christ. Amen.**



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## First Sunday of Christmas

### December 26th, 2021

### 10:30 a.m.

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Kathy Hanson  
Choir: Irene Fortney  
Secretary: Kathy Hanson  
Barb Casper  
Custodian: Jim Porter

December 26, 2021

# ***First Sunday of Christmas***

*Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.*

*Please turn off all cell phones and electronics*

*\*\*Please stand if you are able*

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “TO FOLLOW THE STAR” *by Franklin Ritter*

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*WELCOME SONG

Welcome, welcome to this place. You’re invited to come and know God’s grace. All are welcome the love of God to share ‘cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*\*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!**

\*\*HYMN “HE IS BORN” UMH No. 228

\*\*OPENING PRAYER (*in 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.

## CALLED TO REFLECTION

TIME FOR CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 148 PEW BIBLE NO. 751

NEW TESTAMENT READING GALATIANS 3: 23-29 PEW BIBLE NO. 1417

\*\*GOSPEL READING JOHN 1: 1-18 PEW BIBLE NO. 1279

SERMON “IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD”  
PASTOR ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES

\*\*HYMN OF REAFFIRMATION “STAR CHILD” TFWS No. 2095

## CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING “ROCK-A-BYE MY DEAR LITTLE BOY” *Czech Carol*

DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\*\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*\*CLOSING HYMN “JOY TO THE WORLD” UMH No. 246

## SENT TO SERVE

\*\*APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

\*\*SENDING FORTH (*in 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 RESPONSE “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL” UMH No. 234  
(Refrain)

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*POSTLUDE “HE IS BORN” *setting by Lynn Arthur Kock*