

Driftless Ministries

December 1, 2024 - **First Sunday of Advent**

Pastor - Sandy Conrad

PRELUDE

Marla Withey (RET/NH), Tom Baker (RET/NH), Janna Thew (LP)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION: Lord, now let your servants live in peace: your word has been fulfilled: We have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all people, a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Thanks be to God. (Luke 2:29)

HYMN #230 **O Little Town of Bethlehem** vs. 1,3,4

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: The God of infinite lovingkindness and mercy is with us today and throughout time.

P: Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your Gift. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth: Chapter 1

HYMN #70

GLORIA PATRI

MESSAGE **An Old Story That Never Gets Old**

Rev. Sandy Conrad

MUSICAL REFLECTION

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

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

SERVICE OF COMMUNION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient people. We have not done your will. We have rebelled against Your love. Indeed, we cannot even comprehend Your love. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joy and peace this season, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory be to God!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

HYMN #242 Love Came Down at Christmas vs 1,2,3

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU

HYMN #672 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

Offering As You Go

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ON THE CALENDAR

Today: Confirmation Class, 3 – 5 p.m. @ Liberty Pole

**Wednesday: Wednesday Warriors, 3:30 - 5 p.m. @ New Hope
Food Pantry Open, 5 – 6:30 p.m. @ New Hope**

Thursday: Food Pantry Open, 9 - 11 a.m. @ New Hope

**Sunday: Church Christmas Gathering & Cookie Distribution, 9 a.m. @ Retreat
New Hope Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**

