

Driftless Ministries
December 8, 2024
Pastor - Sandy Conrad
The Second Sunday of Advent

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, with Him being born in our hearts, we may receive redemption and favor in your eyes. To you be everlasting praise and glory, Amen.

HYMN ##234 *O Come All Ye Faithful* vs 1 & 4

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: He shall cry to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation."

P: And I will make Him the first-born, the highest of the kings of the earth.

L: My steadfast love I will keep for Him forever, and my covenant will stand firm in Him.

P: I will establish His line forever, and His throne as the days of the heavens.

OPENING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, give abundantly to us those things that have true meaning, that we may celebrate Christmas in complete thankfulness, utter humility, and complete confidence in your grace and lovingkindness. Your chesed. You have sent our Redeemer. In these busy days, help us to focus only on Him. Give us hope. Give us inner peace. Bring peace to our troubled world. Today and every day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ruth Chapter 2

HYMN #70 *GLORIA PATRI*

MESSAGE **Better than Biscuits**
Rev. Sandy Conrad

MUSICAL REFLECTION

HYMN #218 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* vs 1&3

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (*New Hope only*)

HYMN #219 *What Child is This* vs 1&2

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

Sunday: **Retreat Church Council Meeting, 9 a.m. (brief)**
Church Christmas Gathering & Cookie Exchange, 9 a.m. @ Retreat
New Hope Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class, 3 – 5 p.m. @ Liberty Pole

Monday: **Liberty Pole Council Meeting, 6 p.m.**

Wednesday: **Wednesday Warriors, 3:30 p.m. @ New Hope**
Food Pantry Open, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Liberty Pole Methodist Women, 5 p.m. @ Gassers in Viroqua

Thursday: **Food Pantry Open, 9 – 11 a.m.**

