

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Bless these gifts with your loving presence, O God. Make your face shine through our offering this day. Shine the light of your love through our ministries and our lives, that all may know and notice that you are here, on this very earth and in our very lives.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Communion is served by intinction, the dipping of bread into a shared cup. For those who prefer pre-cut or gluten free bread and individual cups, there is a separate station on the north side of the chancel area. For persons with compromised immune systems, communion elements are offered specifically for them on the far south side of the worship area.)

*ADVENT CAROL "The Lord is Near" *See Insert (Tune: Finlandia/Words:Garland)*

*THE BENEDICTION (Mark 13)

Leader: Watch out.

People: God is all around!

Leader: Pay attention.

People: Christ is coming soon!

Leader: Wake up and notice.

People: Christ is with us even now!

THE POSTLUDE "The King of Glory Comes" W. Wold

**Indicates people standing as able*

*Sharing of the Peace, Offertory Prayer Mary J. Scifres [Copyright © 2016 by Mary J. Scifres. Used by permission.]
Christmas Doxology: (WORDS: Brenda J. Heard W ZLOBIE LEZY MUSIC: Traditional Polish melody
8.7.8.7.8.8.7. Words copyright © 2003 Brenda J. Heard. Permission to copy and use in local church
worship and music is granted with the inclusion of this entire copyright citation on every copy or screen.
Source: The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, Center for Worship Resourcing.)*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Liturgist: Kathy Vill (8:30); Vanessa Martin (11:00)

Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke

Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross,
John Davis, Jonathan Heinz

PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson

Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Tom Creswell



December 3, 2017

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church,

West Lafayette, Indiana

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Billy Bross/Rev. Lana Robyne

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Please sign the attendance pad and include your best contact information, if we don't already have it. This is especially important for our guests so that we can appropriately take note of your presence today.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that this Saturday, December 9th, we are hosting 37 families for Lafayette Urban Ministry's Jubilee Christmas. We encourage everyone to participate in this fun event as a host for a family, by purchasing new toys, by donating money for food certificates, or by baking cookies. Also, the Children's Christmas Program will be presented next Sunday, December 10th at 9:45 am and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please see the bulletin for details on these and all the happenings of our church.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES "Rejoice, Beloved Christians" J.S. Bach
Sandra Pizzola, horn; Lisa Johnson Mott, organ

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*Responsive*) Liturgist
(*Please stand in body or spirit*)

Leader: "The days are coming, 'declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'" (*Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16*)

Today, we light the candle of expectation and hope. May it remind each and everyone one of us of God's great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is our Savior.

Unison Prayer: Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*ADVENT CAROL "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn #196

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Confirm the good news in one another, by sharing signs of grace and peace.
"May the Peace of Christ be With You"

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9 Liturgist

THE CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

The Pastoral Prayer

MESSAGE IN MUSIC (8:30) "The Birthday of the King" Neidlinger
Linda Michael, vocal soloist
(11:00) "Veni Veni Emmanuel" by John Mason Neale
(*Text adapted from the "O" Antiphons Tune: 15th century French processional. Setting by Katherine Crosier.*)
Chancel Choir directed by Ellen Wilson; Lisa Johnson Mott, organist; John Polles, soloist

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13: 24-37 Liturgist
(*Please stand in body or spirit*)
Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us;
All: Thanks be to God

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS Rev. Craig LaSuer

DISCIPLESHIP RESPONSE

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate that our ministry to teen mothers offers them love, support and the opportunity to serve as Christian disciples. Your generosity supports this ministry and the others of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

The Offertory Music (8:30) "Sleepers, Wake!" J.S. Bach
(11:00) "West Indies Carol" Traditional arr. Sondra Tucker
Youth Bells, directed by Kathy Lind and Heidi Fornes

*The Presentation Music "Christmas Doxology" Tune: Hymn #229/Words on Screen
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the Three-in-One.
Here we offer to you gladly
All the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your Presence,
Giving from a grateful heart.