

WESTBY UMC
December 1, 2024

** please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE *Light the Advent Candle* #2090 TFWS (verse 1)

* GATHERING SONGS *Joyful, Joyful*
O Come, O Come Emmanuel #211UMH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The days are coming, God promises.

P: New life will spring forth.

L: The days are coming, God affirms.

P: We will live in safety.

L: The days are coming, God assures.

P: Justice and righteousness will reign everywhere.

L: God's promises are true.

P: Let us rejoice!

*** OPENING PRAYER**

God of every season, as we begin our journey through Advent, turn our hearts toward you. Guide us into your realm of peace and joy. Teach us to set aside our worries, as we walk in faithfulness and trust. May the love within us be born anew. Help us remain alert, that we may respond to pain and suffering and notice the signs of abundant life all around us. Come, Lord Jesus; come to us now, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 & Luke 21:25-36

MESSAGE

"The Promise Will Be Fulfilled"

* COMMUNION HYMN *A Communion Hymn for Christmas*

THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

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

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

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196 UMH

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

- Dec. 1 10:00 AM – Fellowship
Dec. 4 6:00 PM – Growing in Faith Study Group – discuss chapter 5
Dec. 5 9:00 AM – Thursday Morning Prayer Group
5:30-7:00 PM – Drop Off Cookies & Setup for Cookie Walk
Dec. 6 5:30-7:00 PM – Drop Off Cookies
Dec. 7 9:00-12:00 – Christmas Cookie Walk

PRAYERS

Tom & Sharon, those traveling, Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Paul, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry

Christmas Cookie Walk – Saturday, Dec. 7

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for helping to set up for the Cookie Walk and to help during the Cookie Walk on Dec. 7. For those who are baking cookies or other baked goods, please bring them to church on Thursday, Dec. 5 or Friday, Dec. 6 between 5:30-7:00 PM.

Advent Readers Needed

We need people to read the short Advent readings on Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Please let Jane or Linda know if you are able to do this reading.

Mission of the Month – Baskets of Love & Norseland Gifts

We will be collecting monetary donations for Baskets of Love to purchase gift cards to give to families in need. We will be receiving a list of names so we can purchase gifts for Norseland residents. Please submit all donations for these projects by Sunday, Dec. 8th.

Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk

Please continue to donate items for the Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk. Items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, hand lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, brushes & combs. They also need packages of feminine hygiene products.

Senior Strength Training

This class is open to everyone of all ages. This class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:15 PM.

Westby Senior Meal Site

The Westby Senior Meal Site is held at our church. Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, at 11:30 AM. Please call 608-637-5201 by 8:00 AM to reserve and order a meal for that day.

Prayer Request Box

Please write your prayer request on the note card and put it in the box. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group will then pray for these requests when they meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.



WESTBY United Methodist Church December 1, 2024



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

Westby United Methodist Church
202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667

*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.*