

**WESTBY UMC**  
**December 8, 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 (v. 1 & 2)

\* GATHERING SONGS *Joyful, Joyful*  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220 UMH

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: A voice cries in the wilderness:

**P: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"**

L: A challenge is uttered from on high:

**P: "Make straight the paths of our God."**

L: Every valley will be lifted up.

**P: Every mountain will be made low.**

L: The winding path will be made straight,

**P: and every rough way will be made smooth.**

L: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of our deliverance, you meet us in our need. You fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. As we await your Son and the glory of your salvation, guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY 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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:3-11 & Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE

*"Participate in the Work of the Gospel"*

\* HYMN OF INSPIRATION *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #213 UMH

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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230 UMH

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell  
Pastor: Paul Lee

## WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

### Coming Events:

- Dec. 8** 10:00 AM – Fellowship & Sunday School  
Norseland Gifts & Baskets of Love Donations Due
- Dec. 11** 5:00 PM – Christmas Caroling & Chili Supper - Meet at the church to go caroling
- Dec. 15** 9:00 AM - Sunday School Christmas Presentation During Worship

### PRAYERS

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

### Christmas Cookie Walk

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Cookie Walk possible. It couldn't happen without everyone's help!

### Advent Readers Needed

We need people to read the short Advent readings on Dec. 15 and 22. Please let Jane, Linda or Pastor Paul 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. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.



## WESTBY United Methodist Church December 8, 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.*