

WESTBY UMC
December 15, 2024

** please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHT THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE *Light the Advent Candle* #2090 TFWS (v. 1-3)

* GATHERING SONGS – Christmas Sing-along
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing ~ Away in a Manger ~ The First Noel ~ Silent Night

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Rejoice, for God is here!

P: God is our strength and our light.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

P: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!

*** OPENING PRAYER**

God of love and joy, thank you for your presence in our lives. During this time of worship, draw us closer to you and to one another. May we grow in our love for you and for our neighbor. May we lay aside our worries, trusting that you hear what lies in our hearts. May we dwell in your peace and be guided by the one who is to come, your Son, Jesus Christ. In your holy name, we pray. 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

* HYMN OF INSPIRATION *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #251 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20 (from The Message)

SPECIAL MUSIC by the Sunday School

*This Little Light of Mine
Mary, Did You Know?*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE *"Whose Birthday is Christmas?"*

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 *Joy to the World* #246 UMH

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

Dec. 15 10:00 AM – Fellowship & Sunday School

Dec. 23 Newsletter Articles Due

Dec. 24 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

PRAYERS

Tom & Sharon, Ann, Sue Berg, Donna's son-in-law, Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Paul, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry

Advent Readers Needed

We need people to read the short Advent readings on Dec. 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

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for the Norseland residents and donated to the Baskets of Love.

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 15, 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.*