

WESTBY UMC
December 22, 2024

** please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHT THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE *Light the Advent Candle* #2090 TFWS

* GATHERING SONGS *Sing We Now of Christmas*
Star Child #2095 TFWS (verses 1, 3 & 5)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Rejoice in the presence and love of Christ.

P: We rejoice in the one who lives in our hearts.

L: Rejoice, for Christ brings justice and peace to our world.

P: We rejoice in the one who calls us to justice and peace.

L: Rejoice with faith and hope.

P: We rejoice in the one whose promises are true.

*** OPENING PRAYER**

God of ancient days and future visions, we come into your presence to celebrate the joy of your Holy Spirit and the blessing of your Son, Christ Jesus. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, as you filled Elizabeth long ago. Sing through our songs of joy, as you sang through Mary. Speak through our words and our thoughts, that we may grow closer to the justice and the peace of Christ Jesus, who calls us here today. In Christ's holy and blessed 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:5-10 & Luke 1:46-55

MESSAGE *"The Reason Why Jesus Came to the World"*

* HYMN OF INSPIRATION *Welcome to Our World*

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 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* #204 UMH

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

- Dec. 22** **10:00 AM – Fellowship**
- Dec. 23** **Newsletter Articles Due**
- Dec. 24** **7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service**

PRAYERS

Sharon & her family, Ann, Sue Berg, travelers, Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Paul, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry

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
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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.*