



## ***Christmas Poinsettias***

**2024**

### ***In Loving Memory***

Keith Bergeson

Helen & Jason Hornby

Don & Delores Hornby

Bryce & Jackie Hornby Kimrey

Howard (Husband) & My Parents

Danny & Jay Casper

David Hoiland

Kay Swiggum

Connie Olson

Loved Ones With Us In Spirit, but Not Person

### ***From***

Layne Hanson

Joanne Hornby

Joanne Hornby

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Betty Ross

Barb Casper

Peach Hoiland

Kelli Schultz

Kathy Hanson

Heidi Garrett

### ***In Honor Of***

Carolyn Hornby Dressler

Jim & Carol Hornby

Bob & Alice Hornby

Audrey Hornby Nys

Earl Starnes

Jack Maris Cannon

Nova Cannon

Kathy Hanson

### ***From***

Joanne Hornby

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Phyllis & Maris Kalnins

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Layne Hanson



**Christmas Eve**

**December 24th, 2023**

**5:00 pm**

**Viroqua United Methodist Church**

December 24, 2024

## Christmas Eve

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

\*\*Please stand if you are able

**PRELUDE**                      **"WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"**                      *Ruth Elaine Schram*  
   **"INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY"**                      *Ruth Elaine Schram*  
   **"STILL, STILL, STILL"**    *Paul Manz*

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

P: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

L: We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go.

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      **"LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE"** (*verse 5*)                      **TFWS No. 2090**

### **\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, help us pause in the midst of our busyness. Quiet our minds on this Christmas Eve so that we may hear the good news of your gift of Jesus Christ to a world in need of peace, justice, and joy. If we walk in darkness and despair, help us see the great light of your presence. If we wait in hope for the coming of Christ, help us offer hope to those around us. Help us see your glory breaking into our lives as Mary and shepherds before us saw. In the quiet of this night, may we welcome your peace and favor, through Jesus Christ, our Messiah and Lord. Amen.

**OFFERING**                      **"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**                      *Wilbur Held*

### OFFERING PRAYER

### CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS

### THE BIDDING PRAYER

**FIRST LESSON:**                      **GENESIS 3: 8-15, 17-19**  
**CAROL**                                      **"O HOLY NIGHT"**                                      **SUNG BY TOM LOHR**

**SECOND LESSON:**                      **GENESIS 22:15-18**  
**CAROL**                                      **"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"**                      **UMH No. 211**

**THIRD LESSON:**                      **ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**  
**CAROL**                                      **"IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"**                      **UMH No. 218**

**FOURTH LESSON:**                      **MICAH 5:2-5A**  
**CAROL**                                      **"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"**                      **UMH No. 230**

**FIFTH LESSON:**                      **LUKE 1:26-35, 38**  
**CAROL**                                      **"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"**                      **UMH No. 234**

**SIXTH LESSON:**                      **LUKE 2:1-7**  
**CAROL**                                      **"THE FIRST NOEL"**                                      **UMH No. 245**

**SEVENTH LESSON:**                      **LUKE 2:8-16**  
**CAROL**                                      **"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"**                      **UMH No. 196**

**EIGHTH LESSON:**                      **MATTHEW 2:1-11**  
**CAROL**                                      **"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING"**                      **UMH No. 240**

### PASSING OF THE LIGHT

**\*NINTH LESSON:**                      **JOHN 1:1-14**  
**Carol**                                      **"Silent Night, Holy Night"**                      **UMH No. 239**

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN**                      **"JOY TO THE WORLD"**                      **UMH No. 246**

### **\*\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL**

**\*\*POSTLUDE**                      **"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"**                      *Larry Shlackley*