



St. Mark's

United Methodist Church

December 22, 2024 - 9:30am Service
Fourth Sunday in Advent - Peace



Scripture Reader: Ann Parker

Ushers: Donna Higgins and Deb Jansen

Acolyte: Melanie Justice

Special Offering: Local Mission

Next week Special Offering: CommUnity Food Bank

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rob Rindel Family

Today we light the candle of peace. The shepherd brought the good news of Jesus' birth to the people in Bethlehem. This birth was to bring peace to the hearts of God's people. We light this candle with peace filling our hearts.

Opening Hymn

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

pg. 2096 TFWS

Welcoming Our New Members

Pastor Alberta

Brenda Eckland, Ann Fenner, Steve & Nancy Pohlman, Bart & Julie Troyer

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Special Music

Love Came Down

Chancel Choir

From *Love Came Down at Christmas*, Joel Raney

Offertory & Prayer – Doxology

pg. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alberta

The Lord's Prayer

pg. 895 UMH

Hymn of Preparation

The First Noel

pg. 245 UMH

v. 1, 2

Scripture

Luke 2: 15-20

Ann Parker

Sermon

Shepherds

Pastor Alberta

Hymn

O Come All ye Faithful

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v. 1, 3 & 6

Benediction

Closing Hymn

As We Go

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Postlude

Announcements

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM

Communication From The Church

Effective immediately, all communication from the church (bulletins, newsletters, special announcements) will come via email not Flocknote. **Please check your email for church communication.**

Dinner With Friends (Old and New)

It's almost winter and time to think about enjoying time with friends old and new – "Dinner With Friend" that is. A great opportunity for food, fellowship and fun in small group settings.

WHO: All are welcome, couples, singles, pairs, partners, everyone can join the fun. Groups will be made up of 6-8 people, randomly grouped.

WHAT: Food, fellowship and fun, could be a themed dinner or a surprise combo, followed by lots of conversation or perhaps a game.

WHEN: January to May – Each couple/pair will host one Dinner with Friends

FORMAT: The host pair provides the entrée and beverage; the guests bring the remaining dishes.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Barb, Sherry or Donna. **Please sign up by December 30th.**

Barb Fisher-Krueger 319-621-7089

Sherry Kesselring 319-530-5437

Donna Tjaden 319-530-8309

Upcoming Weekly Calendar

- 12/22** 9:30am – 10:30am – Sunday Worship
- 12/23** 10:30am – 11:30am – Loom Mat Making – Youth Room
6:00pm – 7:00pm – ASL – Fireside Room
- 12/24** 5:00pm – 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12/25** ***Merry Christmas!***
- 12/26** 10:30am – 11:00am - Library Bookmobile – parking lot
6:30pm – 8:30pm – Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall
- 12/27** 6:30pm - 9:30pm – Sam Hixson group – Fireside Room
7:00pm – 8:00pm – N.A. Meeting – Wesley Room
- 12/28** 9:00am -11:00am – Overeaters Anonymous – Youth Room
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