

First United Methodist Church

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December 17, 2023 — December 23, 2023

"3rd Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Bette Jahn Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Adopt-A-Family Christmas
Pastor B.J. will be out of office December 25—January 3, 2024

Monday (12/18) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (12/19)
Wednesday (12/20) Blue Christmas Service, 7 PM, Zion Episcopal Church
Thursday (12/21)
Friday (12/22) Christmas Meditation 6-7 PM

December 24, 2023 — December 30, 2023

"4th Sunday of Advent" "Christmas Eve"

Usher/Greeter: Needed Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Janet Helmbold Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Adopt-A-Family Christmas

Monday (12/25) Christmas Day (office closed)
Tuesday (12/26) Office closed
Wednesday (12/27)
Thursday (12/28)
Friday (12/29)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/17/23 Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
12/24/23 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Rom 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
12/24/23 Christmas Eve: Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
12/25/23 Christmas Day: Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Catherine Koch, Bill & Gayle Tufnell, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Cynthia & Ken Burgin, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Lynn LaRose, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Michael Haynes, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and the unspoken needs.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,
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December 17, 2023
“Third Sunday of Advent”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: He Shall Feed His Flock by G. F. Handel

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

***HYMN:** FWS 2090 (v 3) Light the Advent Candle

PSALM 126

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

***PRAISE CHORUS:** FWS 2005 Arise, Shine

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. We too are called to testify to the light, so that all may believe.

P: Lord, if we are to testify to the light as John did, grant us the strength and the courage to do so, and give us the words to speak, for by ourselves we are not able to do this. We are not trained nor equipped to preach the word or to baptize people.

L: We are not asked to be just like John. We are asked to use the skills and abilities which God has given us and the manner in which we live our lives to witness to the reality of Jesus and who He is.

P: Lord, remind us that we are not all called to witness in the same manner, nor to have the same skills. Instead give us hearts which love and care, minds which are focused on You, and spirits of compassion and mercy as we witness through our lives that Jesus has come, Jesus is with us, and Jesus loves each person everywhere.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 203 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 217 Away in a Manger

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

***GOSPEL READING:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON A Negative Gospel

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Sleep, O Lovely Child Traditional Italian Carol

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell Ringers

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 240 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: The First Noel Traditional English Carol

December Mission Noisy Offering — Adopt-a-Family Christmas
 Every year, we adopt a family for which we supply Christmas gifts!
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE