

First United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2023 — December 30, 2023

"4th Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Bill & Gayle Tufnell Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey 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 the office December 25—January 3, 2024

Sunday (12/24) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM

Monday (12/25) Christmas Day (office closed)

Tuesday (12/26) Office closed

Wednesday (12/27)

Thursday (12/28)

Friday (12/29)

December 31, 2023 — January 6, 2024

"1st Sunday After Christmas" "New Year's Eve" "Watch Night"

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

Monday (1/1) New Year's Day, Office closed; Pastor B.J. out of the office through Jan 3rd.

Tuesday (1/2) Office closed; UWif 1 PM

Wednesday (1/3)

Thursday (1/4) Worship committee 10 AM

Friday (1/5)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/25/23 Christmas Day: Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

12/31/23 Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

1/6/24 Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12



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, Sharon Feichtenbiner, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and the unspoken needs.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

Pastor B.J. Ash

December 24, 2023—11 AM

Christmas Eve



**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



First United Methodist Church
December 24, 2023
“Fourth Sunday of Advent” “Christmas Eve”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Hark the Herald Angels Sing by F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

***HYMN:** FWS 2090 (v 4) Light the Advent Candle

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

***PRAISE CHORUS:**UMH 238 (v 1, 3, 4) Angels We have Heard on High

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free!

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel!

L: Angels, from the realms of glory, now proclaim the Savior’s birth!

P: What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?

L: This, this is Christ the King!

P: Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice! Jesus Christ is born!

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 236 (v 1, 3, 4, 6) While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

EPISTLE READING: Romans 16:25-27

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 1:26-38

SERMON Love That Transforms Us

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: UMH 229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Lo, How a Rose by M. Praetorius

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Do You Hear What I Hear? Men’s Music Group

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 219 What Child is This?

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** UMH 242 Love Came Down at Christmas

POSTLUDE: Celebrate Christmas by R. J. Hughes

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