

Faith United Methodist Church
December 25, 2016

The asterisk (*) indicates those times in worship when those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people;

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord!

***HYMN** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” UMH 224

***OPENING PRAYER** “Christmas” UMH 231

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11: 1-4a

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God’s creation

HYMN “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” UMH 216

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL 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.

THIRD LESSON Luke 1: 26-35, 38

The angel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God’s Son, whose kingdom shall never end.

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238 v. 1, 4

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2: 1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

HYMN “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” UMH 229

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

HYMN “The First Noel” UMH 245 v. 1.2.4

SIXTH LESSON John 1: 1-5, 14

John speaks of the mystery of the Incarnation.

HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” UMH 234 v. 1,2,6

MESSAGE “Word”

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** “O Come All Ye Faithful” UMH 234 v. 3

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, we stand before you as people of faith, investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your kingdom. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Merry Christmas!

POINSETTIAS

*In memory of Roland "Speed" Davis
From his family*

*In memory of loved ones
From Ron & Norma Merkel*

*In memory of Loren & Bernice Terbeest
And Arne & Millie Thompson
From Larry & Arlys Terbeest*

*In memory of parents
Harold & Helen Douglas
From Les & Shirley Hyland*

*In memory of Terry Paul
From Barb Paul & Family*

*In memory of Roland Matson
From Marilyn Matson & Family*

*In memory of loved ones
From Mark & Deb Larson & Family*

*In memory of our parents
Avery & Josephine Stuckey
Meryl Young & Helen Young
From Gaylord & Naomi Stuckey*

*In memory of Wilber & Hazel Rathbun
Phyllis Rathbun-Brackenbury
From Eileen Rathbun*

*In memory of loved ones
From Denis & Nancy Cornell*

*In memory of Bill Carman & Karen Sample
From Gregg Sample*



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CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Every year the Spring Valley Area Ministerial Association offers a free Christmas Dinner at noon on Christmas Day at Faith UMC. Transportation can be provided and meals may be delivered or carried out. We invite you to join us.

FAITH UMC FINANCE & APPORTIONMENT REMINDER

We are almost there! Because of your attentiveness to our financial needs, Faith UMC has not only paid off our roof loan, but we are close to achieving our 2016 budget! If we meet our budget, then \$25,000 of our back apportionments will be forgiven!! We can do this! This Christmas, please remember Faith UMC and help us fulfill our mission to reach out to the world through the ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Faith Finance Committee

Looking ahead:

Sunday, January 1: 6 p.m. Cowboy Church at Cherry Grove.

Wednesday, January 4: 5-7:30 p.m. Soup and Baked Potato Bar Supper at Faith UMC. Menu is choice of two soups, baked potato and fixings, bar and beverage. Adults \$8 and children 6 and under \$4.00. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for food or monetary donations. For more information contact Kim Terbeest at 346-7482 or 251-7315. Thank you.