

**Antho n United Methodist Church**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**

**December 19, 2021 10:00 AM**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God’s Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle of LOVE

**Congregational Singing of Verse 4 of “Advent Song” TFWS #2090**

**Congregational Response: Let us expand our hearts as we gather. Let us receive God’s word as we proclaim. Let us transform our lives as we pray. Let us have compassion for the world as we greet each other. Amen**

**Opening Song “O Come, All Ye Faithful” UMH #234 (3 verses)**

**Call to Worship** Liturgist: Jerry Klindt

L: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

**P: Today Belief and Love are the theme.**

L: Today we will hear the story of surprising commitment.

**P: We will learn of Mary and God's wonderful love.**

L: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do.

**P: Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love. AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**We Hear God’s Word**

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Youth Program “The Story Behind the Twelve Days of Christmas”  
Adapted from Stories Behind the Best Loved Songs of Christmas by Ace Collins

Children’s Story JoLynne Reimert

Special Music “Go Tell It on the Mountain” Roger Hladik  
**Congregation will sing refrain UMH #251**

Gospel Reading Matthew 1: 18-25

Today’s Message “Love” Shirley Nelson

**God Calls Us to Respond**

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

**Lord’s Prayer**

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
**Doxology, Prayer of Dedication UMH #95**

**Closing Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH #220**

Sending Forth with Blessing  
Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!  
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson  
Liturgist.....Jerry Klindt  
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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**IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:**

**OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Joe Harbaugh, Nina Osborne, Ernestine Steinhoff, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, Brian Ashley, Dale & Virginia Hayworth, David Beach, Ed Davis, Bettina Perkins, Jim Sheriff & Family, Susan Redenius, Bonnie Flathers, Elwanda Sheriff, and Diane Yockey.**

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Today:** Youth Christmas Program during worship service.

**Dec. 21:** Christmas with THE CHOSEN, free movie night at 7pm. You and your family are invited to come join us at Anthon UMC for wonderful episode for The Chosen called “The Messengers.” A story about Jesus’s birth.

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

**Dec. 26:** Regular Sunday Worship Service at 10am.

**Reminder:** No Sunday School on Dec 26 and Jan 2; resuming again Jan 9.

**Missions:** We are now collecting items for the Warming Shelter. Cheat sheets are on back table. If you are unable to shop, lets us do the shopping for you. Just write in memo, “Warming Shelter” and we will take care of it. As always, monetary gifts are welcome and greatly appreciated.

**December Readers:** Dec. 26-JoLynne Reimert, Jan. 2-Eileen Klindt, Jan. 9-Andrea Mitchell.

**December Children’s Story:** Dec. 26-Roger Hladik, Jan. 2-Andrea Mitchell.

**Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:** David & Dawn Zahnley (21), Jacque Gothier (22), Adam Mitchell (26).

**Anthon Military:** To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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### **Quote of the Week**

*“The only thing we never get enough of is love; and the only thing we never give enough of is love.”*