

Anthon United Methodist Church
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
December 26, 2021 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "He Is Born" **UMH #228**

Call to Worship Liturgist: JoLynne Reimert

L: We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, but how shall we know him when he comes?

P: How shall we greet and respond to the Promised One?

L: Will Jesus come to us as a prince or a pauper?

P: Will we see him in those of greatest need?

L: Lord, make us truly ready to receive the gift of Jesus, your beloved Son

P: Open our hearts to the good news Jesus brings to us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10

Reader's Theatre "I Love Going to Church"

Hymnal Song "The First Noel" **UMH #245**
(2 verses)

Children's Story Roger Hladik

Hymnal Song "What Child Is This" **UMH #219**

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Hymnal Song "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" **UMH #229**

Today's Message 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 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" **UMH #240**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....JoLynne Reimert
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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:

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

December Readers: Jan. 2-Eileen Klindt, Jan. 9-Andrea Mitchell.

December Children's Story: Jan. 2-Andrea Mitchell, Jan. 9-Rhonda Beeson

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Phil & Deanna Adler (30).

Nov./Dec. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

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

“Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day.”