

Anthony Community Methodist Church
1st Sunday after Christmas
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
December 29, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

Second Reading

Luke 2: 41-52

Today's Message

"Lost and Found"

Shirley

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH #224

Call to Worship Liturgist: Erin Baird

L: Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus.

P: We want him to be safe and sound.

L: And when something unexpected happens, we are frightened.

P: We wonder what we should have done differently.

L: Lord, in this day, help us to remember that God is ever with us.

P: Let us place our trust in God's loving presence as we grow in our own faith. 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 Colossians 3: 12-17

Litany I Love Coming to Church

Children's Story JoLynne

Hymn of Preparation "The First Noel" UMH #245

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. AMEN.

Closing Song "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist..... Erin Baird
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Becky & Dan Marshall, Linda Christensen, Joyce Gothier, Kim Houlsworth McDonald, Jerry Klindt, Stephanie Johnson, Faye Miller and Roger Hladik.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mission Project: There is a tote in the fellowship hall for gloves, mittens and scarves for the Warming Shelter.

REMEMBER: Please save stamps for Eleanore. There is a basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

January 1: Happy New Year

January 13: Finance, Ad Board Meeting 7:00

February 11: Souper Bowl luncheon. Only a few short weeks until we bring our crockpots of soup and see who can take the traveling trophy away from Shirley. Plan now to bring your favorite soup.

December Readers: January 5- Sue Wilson

December Children's Story: January 5- Roger Hladik

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Phil & Deanna Adler (30), Darrell Hadley (4)

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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