

**Anthon Community Methodist Church**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
**Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson**  
**December 28, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

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: Kathy Hodgdon**

L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

**P: We shout the good news of God's mighty love!**

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

**P: The Universe that God created sings its praise!**

L: Praise the Lord!

**P: Hallelujah! AMEN.**

**Opening Prayer**

**God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**We Hear God's Word**

**First Reading**                   **Hebrews 1: 1-9**

**Second Reading**                   **Reader's Theatre First Sunday after Christmas**

**Hymn of Preparation**           **"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**           **UMH #229**

**Gospel Reading**                   **Matthew 2: 13-23**

**Today Message**                   **Shirley**

**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: Lord, we give thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we do so with grateful hearts. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn**                   **"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**           **UMH #240**

**Sending Forth with Blessing**  
Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!  
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson  
Liturgist.....Kathy Hodgdon  
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

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**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, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Elwanda Sheriff, Kathy Hodgdon, Evelyn Dicks (Becky Marshall's mother), Jerry & Eileen Klindt, Lyle & Sally Schram and Roger Nelson.  
Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**January 8:** Women of Faith will meet at 10:30

**January 13:** Finance & Ad Board Meeting 4:30

**January 14:** Women of Faith meal delivered 10:30

**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 Allison. Plan now to bring your favorite soup.

**Mission Projects:**

We will continue to collect clothes and blankets for the Gospel Mission and the Warming Shelter until January 15.

We will continue to collect gloves, mittens and scarves for the warming shelter through the winter.

**Dec Readers:** Jan. 4-Erin Baird

**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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