

upcoming events

Quiet Advent Series

Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17, 5:00-7:00 pm

It is said that God often speaks to us in a "still small voice". Each week during advent, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to take a break from the hustle and bustle of our modern Christmas season and refocus your inner spirit on the delicate event that unfolded over two millennia ago. Sit in silence in our candle-lit sanctuary or walk the Sarah Todd Labyrinth to sacred music – or do both! Drop in any time between 5-7 pm.

Children's 3n1

Sunday, December 4, 11:15 am

Children in 5th grade and younger and their families are invited to gather for lunch and a Christmas service project. Our middle school youth will also host a special Advent workshop for the kids while the adults have time for conversation.

Seeking Elders and Deacons for 2023

Please consider serving the church as an Elder or Deacon beginning in the spring of 2023. Elders help to govern the church while Deacons look after our congregants. These are critically important roles in the life of our church. Training is provided. It is a terrific way to serve the church and get to know other members. Please reach out to Bethany or Rob if interested in learning more.

Celebrate Jesus Posada as He Retires

We will celebrate Jesus' many years of faithful service as our beloved sexton at and after the 10:00 service on December 11. As part of our celebration, we will be presenting him with cards, personal notes, gifts cards, and financial gifts from the congregation. If you would like to contribute, you may bring your card that day or turn it in to the office between now and Friday, December 9. Please make any checks payable to directly to Jesus Posada and not the church.

ongoing events

Diaper Duty

Tue, 10:00-11:00 am

We invite you to join the Diaper Duty brigade, by purchasing diapers and wipes for donation to families in the Canal.

In addition to Tuesday mornings, you are also welcome to bring diapers to the church on Sunday mornings or during the week.

Bags of Love

Tue, 10:00-11:00 am

We are collecting bag lunches for families in need in Marin City. Drop them off at the WPC parking lot.

Men's Connection

Fridays, 6:30 am

This group is currently meeting via Zoom each Friday.



November 27, 2022

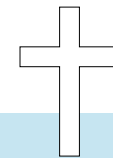
10:00 am Worship

First Sunday in Advent

Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:
seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frostline,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.

~ from the hymn,

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



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order of worship

Prelude Partita on "Puer Nobis Nascitur", I, II, III Raymond H Haan
Sharing of Peace Robert McClellan
*** Call to Worship and Advent Candle Lighting** Sharon Terrill
 One: Our hope is in Christ
 Many: who comes into the world.
 One: Our hope is in Christ
 Many: who announces peace.
 One: We light the candle of hope for Christ
 Many: who leads us in sacred darkness and holy light.
*** Opening Hymn** Now the Heavens Start to Whisper No.94
Welcome and Community Prayer Bethany Nelson
 God of hope, we turn to you when our hearts are breaking for what we have seen or done, when our hearts are aching for what is left undone or we cannot stop, and when our hearts are shaking out of fear or even anger. We turn to you because we know you can do something with our hearts. You can forgive. You can soothe. You can challenge. You can inspire. You can guide. We pray that we would be receptive to what you would do with our hearts and our collective heart in the name of the coming Christ. Amen.
Silent Prayers and Assurance
Joys and Concerns and The Lord's Prayer (page 35 in the hymnal) Robert McClellan
Anthem Light of the World Lauren Daigle
Time of Discovery Bethany Nelson
 Go now in peace; go now in peace.
 May the love of God surround you
 Everywhere, everywhere you may go.
First Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5, pg.550 Sharon Terrill
Second Scripture Reading Romans 13:11-14, pg.923 Robert McClellan
Sermon What Light Will Do Robert McClellan
Silent Reflection
*** Offertory** Emmanuel Steve Angrisano
 Come, come, Emmanuel! Son of God, appear.
 Heaven and earth, rejoice!
 The Christ light is drawing near. The Christ light is drawing near.
Doxology No.606
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen!
*** Prayer of Dedication** Sharon Terrill
Life of the Beloved Community Bethany Nelson
*** Closing Hymn** Come Now, O Prince of Peace No.103
*** Benediction, Grace and Peace** Robert McClellan
Postlude Partita on "Puer Nobis Nascitur", V Raymond H Haan

**Often, worshippers stand*

Worship Notes

Mentioned in today's sermon:

Patricia Pearce - www.patriciapearce.com.

Octavia Butler, *The Parable of the Sower*.

Revelation of the Magi: The Lost Tale of the Wise

Men's Journey to Bethlehem, trans. Brent Landau.

The prelude and postlude are from "Partita on 'Puer Nobis Nascitur'" by Raymond H. Haan (b 1938). A graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan, he has held the position of Music Director for over 50 years at his church in Cutlerville, Michigan. He has written over 500 works for organ, choir, handbells, and other solo instruments.

Program Staff

The Rev. Dr. Robert McClellan, Pastor

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Barbara Kessell, guest musician