

elements worship



# Calm and Bright

200 Years of Silent Night



Advent 2018

peace • joy • love • hope

**December 9, 2018**

2nd Sunday of Advent

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

**Pastor Louis Grettenberger**

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# The Order of Morning Worship

December 9, 2018

Elements Worship 10:30 a.m.

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## We Gather

An "\*" invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Worship activity bags for children 5 and up are available in the Narthex.

Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during worship.

### Gathering Music

#### Chimes

#### Welcome & Announcements

## We Praise God

#### Invitation to Worship

***"Follow the Light"***

Byrd/Hart/Heffinger  
Dance Team

#### Advent Litany

Spoken Response

(Second verse of "Silent Night")

**Silent night, holy night; shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

#### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but can also be joy, and bring joy, to all around us – in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

**People: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

#### Song of Praise

***"Glory (Let there be JOY)"***

Stevens/Maher/Popadic

#### Time of Confession

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we sometimes live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance

#### Children's Message

Pastor Lou

*Children dismissed to "Children In Worship" program downstairs following the children's message*

#### Song of Response

***"Processional on O Come, O Come Emmanuel"***

arr. Lorenz  
Bells of Glory

#### A reading from the Psalms

**Psalm 86:9-11**

\*Hymn #220

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

(red hymnal)

We Share the Word

A reading from the Gospel of Luke: Luke 2:8-20 (RSV)

Sermon

“Glory to God”

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

Offering

**“And the Glory of the Lord”**

Handel, arr. McChesney  
Bells of Glory

Response #176

**“Majesty”**

(red hymnal)

Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Prayer of Dedication

In this moment of worship, we embrace your presence, O God, and we offer you our love. In this moment of prayer, we proclaim your purpose for the world, O Savior, and we offer You our resources. In this moment of giving we hear Your call, O Lord, and we offer You ourselves. Use us – all that we have and all that we are to show the world your glory and majesty. Amen.

We are Sent Forth

\*Final Hymn #200

**“Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of the Lord”**

(red hymnal)

\*Benediction

\*Response

**“Silent Night”**

Mohr/Gruber

Silent night, holy night; shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia!”  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

\*Parting Music

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**Liturgists:** 8:30 Don Woodward 10:30 Dave Hoffman

**Music:** Bells of Glory

**Sound Board Operators:** 8:30 Roger Cox

**Ushers:** 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Barry & Bron Kram

10:30 Ray Komray, Paul Martin, Mary & Barry Huntington

**Greeters:** 8:30 Niecey & Bill Emery 10:30 Joyce & Bruce Bowling

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 Dorothy Corradi 10:30 Joann Jarvi

**Nursery:** Kisa Weesies, Karen Aspenson

**Coffee Fellowship:** Harold & Gail Merz

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Liturgists:** 8:30 Don Reis 10:30 Jan Stuart

**Music:** 8:30 Chancel Choir 10:30 Children's Program & Youth Choir

**Sound Board Operators:** 10:30 Don Woodward

**Ushers:** 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Barry & Bron Kram

10:30 Ray Komray, Karyn & Gary Gillan

**Greeters:** 8:30 Sandee & Rog Klop 10:30 Sally Liebertz, Nancy Franczek

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 Ruth & Don Woodward 10:30 Darlene Graska

**Nursery:** Michele McCracken, Kisa Weesies

**Coffee Fellowship:** Cole Family

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE:** We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God's grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

**CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

|                                        |                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ministers.....                         | All Members of the Congregation                                                                              |
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| Covenant Missionaries.....             | Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon                                                                                   |

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY**                      **December 9, 2018**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM    Nursery Care
- 8:30 AM    Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:45 AM    Children in Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
- 9:30 AM    Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:35 AM - 10:25 AM    Gospel of Luke Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
- 9:40-10:20AM    Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
- 9:45-10:20 AM    FaithLink Discussion Group "Living Well in an Outrage Culture"- Room 4 lower level
- 10:00-10:25 AM    Kids' Choir – Social Hall
- 10:30 AM    Elements Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45-11:45 AM    Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
- 11:30-12:20 PM    BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 11:30-12:20 PM    DVD Advent Bible Study – (Room 13/14 lower level)
- 11:30-12:20 PM    Youth Choir
- 6:00-7:00 PM    Youth Group – Social Hall, Youth Room, Wiltse Center

### **MONDAY**                      **December 10, 2018**

- 10:00 AM    Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 6:00 PM    Lighthouse Quilt Guild
- 6:30 PM    Dunesmen-Social Hall
- 6:30 PM    Youth Council – Conference Room
- 7:00 PM    Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **TUESDAY**                      **December 11, 2018**

- 9:30-11:30 AM    Women's Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 AM    Staff Meeting – Choir Room
- 11:00 AM    Poinsettia pick-up - Library
- 1:00 PM    Esther Circle - Offsite
- 6:30 PM    Worship Committee – Conference Room
- 6:30 PM    Webelos 1 – Scout Room

### **WEDNESDAY**                      **December 12, 2018**

- 9:00 AM    Morning Coffee - Russ' Restaurant
- 9:30 AM    Covenant Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
- 4:00-5:00 PM    Kids' Connection – Wiltse Center
- 5:15-6:00 PM    Supper – Social Hall    Menu: Chicken Noodle & Broccoli Cheddar Soup
- 6:00 PM    Youth Small Group – Youth Room
- 6:00 PM    Knitters – Conference Room
- 6:00-6:30 PM    Chimers – Choir Loft
- 6:10-7:30 PM    The Gospel of Luke Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30-7:00 PM    Singers – Choir Room
- 6:45-7:30 PM    Jubilation Choir – Choir Loft
- 7:30 PM    Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY**                      **December 13, 2018**

- 9:30 AM    Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 9:30 AM    Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM    Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall

### **FRIDAY**                              **December 14, 2018**

- Pastor Lou's Day Off

### **SUNDAY**                      **December 16, 2018**    **Advent 2**

- 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM    Nursery Care – Nursery
- 8:30 AM    Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:45 AM    Children in Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
- 9:30 AM    Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:45-10:20 AM    FaithLink Discussion Group    Room 4 lower level
- 10:00 AM    Kids gather for 10:30 Kids' Christmas program – Social Hall
- 10:30 AM    Elements Worship with Kids' Christmas Program – Sanctuary
- 11:30AM-12:20 PM    BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 11:30 AM-12:20 PM    DVD Advent Bible Study – Room 13/14 Lower Level
- 11:30AM-12:15 PM    Youth Choir
- 4:00 – 6:00 PM    Christmas caroling. All are invited; meet at church. Please join us!

## Welcome to Church of the Dunes

We are glad you are here today, and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the second service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, our pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors. The People of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes.*

## Announcements

**WEATHER CLOSING POLICY:** When Grand Haven Area Public Schools has a weather-related closing, Church of the Dunes is closed too and all meetings and events are cancelled.

**#CALM AND BRIGHT:** There are big stars painted on a window in the church's weekday entrance (lobby). Share our Calm and Bright Advent theme with others--take a picture (maybe a selfie or a picture of the bulletin from that day?) in front of that window and share on social media with the hashtag #calmandbright.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT.** There are reservation forms at the Welcome Center, on the UMW bulletin board in the hallway near the library, and in the church office. To turn in a completed reservation form today, please leave it in the church office or slide it under the office door.

**ESTHER CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** is on December 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Kirby Grill. Contact Karen Hoffman at [dphoffman@gmail.com](mailto:dphoffman@gmail.com) by tomorrow at noon if you will be attending so she can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Please bring donations of 1 or more of these items: low-rise socks for children, deodorant body wash, laundry pods, canned and dry non-perishable food items for Central School. Bath towels for Family Promise are also welcome.

**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Christmas caroling fun with Church of the Dunes is only a week away. On December 16 at 4 p.m. we will meet at the church and go caroling to homebound members. All are welcome and invited! Each year, the church receives calls, letters, and comments about how meaningful this ministry is for our homebound members. We'll get back to church at about 6 p.m. for cookies, donuts, coffee and cider.

**SNOWBIRDS:** If you would like Church of the Dunes to stay in touch with you while you are at your sunny winter home, please contact Cathryn in the church office to confirm your address and other details.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DECEMBER & JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:** The kids at Church of the Dunes invite you to join them as they collect new, unwrapped toys for Crusade for Toys. There is a collection bin in the Wiltse Center fellowship area, and toys will be collected through late January. The toys will be given to kids in need in our local community.

**WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS:** Would you like to help with the important job of welcoming people to Church of the Dunes? There are spots available for Welcome Center volunteers before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No experience? No problem. Instructions and guidance are provided for new volunteers. To sign up, contact Darlene Graska at [dgraska@atcoflexinc.com](mailto:dgraska@atcoflexinc.com).

**SOUND BOARD OPERATORS:** Church of the Dunes Tech Team is looking for volunteers who are interested in being trained to operate the sound board during worship services. The team is also seeking a tech-savvy volunteer to help upload sermon videos for the church's website. Contact Roger Cox at [rgcox@gmail.com](mailto:rgcox@gmail.com).

**WREATH UPDATE:** The Boy Scouts have had such a successful season selling wreaths, they are out of stock already. Troop 246 thanks Church of the Dunes for their support again this year.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE:** To sign up, contact the church office or online at [www.umcdunes.org](http://www.umcdunes.org)

## Budget and Attendance Update

| <u>2018 Weekly Offering</u> | <u>Weekly Average Received</u> | <u>Weekly Average Budgeted</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| For Operating Expenses      | \$9,837                        | \$10,645                       |
| 11/25 Offering              | \$11,974                       |                                |
| <u>Weekly Attendance</u>    |                                |                                |
| Sunday Morning Worship      | Last Week: 292                 | Last Year: 335                 |

## Sunday Morning Learning for All Ages

### **ADULT SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDIES:**

#### **Lessons from Luke**

9:35 – 10:15 a.m. *Ryder Lounge, Facilitator: Jan Stuart*

Look afresh at the Gospel of Luke this morning in the Ryder Lounge as we explore why theologians call it “The Gospel of Prayer and Praise.” This study also meets Wednesday evening, 12/12 at 6:10 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. Study/ Discussion notebooks provided. You can come to either class; it is not necessary to have attended before as there will be lessons each week different from the others. This study is based on trusted Bible commentator overviews that make the Gospel of Luke pertinent for today’s living.

#### **Faithful Joseph** (DVD series by Adam Hamilton)

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., *Room 13/14 lower level, Facilitators: Gwen and John Bartels*

Like Joseph in the Nativity story, we all sometimes encounter circumstances that we’d never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don’t understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Drop in when your schedule permits or attend every week. Please join us!

**CHILDREN GRADES K-5:** Children in Worship (CIW) Sunday School takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending at 9:45 and 11:45 respectively. Children In Worship meets in the Hosanna room (Room 8), on the lower level of the church. Please pick up your kids at the classroom.

**YOUTH GRADES 6 - 12:** Youth Sunday School meets from 9:40 – 10:20 a.m. Grades 6-8 meet in The Pit and grades 9-12 meet in the Youth Room. Both locations are on the lower level.

## Information

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment.

**DEADLINES:** Weekly worship bulletin, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest newsletter, 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

**IMPORTANT NOTES ON TAKING PICTURES:** You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities; however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the musical performances are copyright protected and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

**THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-RECORDED** and sermons are posted for later viewing on our church website. (Currently, we are experiencing technical difficulties with posting the sermons on the website and are working to address the issue.) Every effort is made to focus the camera only on the scripture readers and the pastor. On rare occasions, those seated near the front of the church may appear in a sermon video. If you wish to avoid inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted online, please find seats toward the back of the sanctuary.

## Joys and Concerns

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Tuesday before 3:00 p.m. (616) 842-7980 or e-mail office@umcdunes.org.

Please let the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. In order to respect confidentiality, we need you to keep us up to date. We would like to be supportive, and we appreciate your help. Thank you.

## This Week's Praises

**BACKPACK BLESSINGS:** Thanks to all who contributed non-perishable food items for Children's Ministries November mission project. Many containers of peanut butter, jelly, soup, and single serve mac and cheese have already been delivered to Love In Action and will be sent home with kids who need food on weekends. Many more of these items have been collected and will be delivered to Love In Action soon.

**UMW COOKIE WALK:** Thanks to the help of so many our proceeds for the Cookie Walk were \$3,217.26. Thank you to JoAnn Anthes, Char Grevel, Annette Allen, Shirley Good, Betsy Peterson and Connie Peoples for being part of the committee and getting everything organized. Thanks to those who baked, decorated, donated (cookies, baked goods, beautiful knitted items, Christmas items, attic treasures), sold cookies, purchased cookies, helped with set-up and clean-up; the list goes on and on. We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers and supporters whose commitment helps us earn money to give to missions. You are all amazing.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of The People Center and The Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$50. We consider it an honor to have been the recipient of this charitable gift. Please know that we will use this donation to help those in need. With gratitude, Karen Reenders.

**THANK YOU** to those who rang bells for The Salvation Army. People were generous! And you were generous with your time. B. Cansfield

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** The United Methodist Church Board of Women's Work Philippines Central Conference, and Genilma Boehler and Priscilla Jaijah, Missionaries.

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Dec 11 Terry Minor, Carol Scherpenisse, Pam Zurakowski  
Dec 12 Grant Bell (15 yrs.)  
Dec 13 Richard Turner  
Dec 14 Ty Steury (12 yrs.)  
Dec 15 Glenn McCoy, Dorothy Wheat, Dale Zurakowski  
Dec 16 Darla Minuth



## Christmas Eve at Church of the Dunes

7:00 p.m. Family-friendly worship with candlelight  
11:00 p.m. Worship with candlelight and communion