



The United Methodist Church  
of Libertyville

December 1, 2013  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM



**Today's Scripture Passage**

**B**lessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace

—Luke 1:68-79

***A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION***

**PASTORS**

**Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams**

## First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



**Gathering Music** "Aria for Advent" A. Carter

**Welcome & Greeting** Steve Neil, Lay Leader

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth. Thank you for passing the attendance pads at this time.

\* **Opening Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

### \* Call to Worship

Leader Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

**People Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom!**

Leader Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

**People We are here, watching and waiting with hope. May God bring justice and mercy to all people this very day. We rejoice in God as children of the Light!**

\* **Musical Prayer** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, verse 1  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Joel and Karilyn Parrott

Introduction

The Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Advent Song "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196, vs. 1

### Quiet Reflection and Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 1: 68-79

**Sermon** "Let Us Find Our Rest in You" Rev. Debbie Fisher

### Offering / Offertory

\* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Celebration of Holy Communion** UM Hymnal, page 13  
Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

\* **Closing Hymn** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

### \* Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude**



\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



### Greetings & Announcements Steve Neil, Lay Leader

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth. Thank you for passing the attendance pads at this time.

### Prelude "Aria for Advent" A. Carter

### \* Call to Worship

Leader Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

People **Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom!**

Leader Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

People **We are here, watching and waiting with hope. May God bring justice and mercy to all people this very day. We rejoice in God as children of the Light!**

### \* Opening Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

### Unison Prayer

**God without beginning and without end, your promise comes to us, bringing hope. May we in turn come to your holy mountain, bending our swords and spears into instruments of peace, seeking instruction, and walking in your mercy and light; in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Clausen Family ~ Noel, DeeAnn, Connor, Zachary & Grace

Introduction

The Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Advent Song "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196, vs. 1

### Children's Message Rev. Debbie Fisher

### Celebration of Holy Baptism UM Hymnal, page 39

Scott and Jaclyn Anderson present their son, Barrett Chase,  
for Holy Baptism this morning.

### Congregational Response

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Barrett Chase, surrounded by our community of love and forgiveness, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

---

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

\*\* Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you!

**Anthem** "Christ Will Come in Splendor" M. Cox  
Adult Choir

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Debbie Fisher

**Musical Response** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
(Please remain seated, sing twice.)  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Printed with permission. CCLI License No. 1303607

**Gospel Reading** Luke 1: 68-79

**Sermon** "Let Us Find Our Rest in You" Rev. Debbie Fisher

**Offering / Offertory** "Savior of the Heathen, Come" J. S. Bach  
\* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94  
\* Prayer of Dedication

**Celebration of Holy Communion** UM Hymnal, page 13  
All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the  
sacrament of Holy Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.  
Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

\* **Closing Hymn** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Von Himmel Hoch" J. S. Bach



### **A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

We welcome Rev. Debbie Fisher as our guest preacher today and are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00-11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Many thanks to the following people for helping  
with our services this morning:*

**Sound Tech:** Tom Seibert **Acolyte:** (9:30) Anna Becker  
**December Ushers:** (8:15) Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer  
(9:30) Jay Hazlett, Charles Hetzel, Larry Leon, Jesse Michmerhuizen,  
Steve Neil, John Oberrieder, Tom Plohr, Ted Zeng  
**Coffee Fellowship:** (9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee  
and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall.

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 AM



### Countdown

#### Welcome & Announcements

Steve Neil, Lay Leader

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

\* Song "Everlasting God" Brown

\* Song "Sing to the King" Foote

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Velez Family ~ Paul, Gayla, Ashleigh & Gabrielle

Introduction

The Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Advent Song "Prepare The Way" Hall

#### Children's Message

Rev. Debbie Fisher

#### Baptism Song

"Find Your Wings"

M. Harris

#### Celebration of Holy Baptism

Jeff and Eryn Brown present their son, Henry Jefferson,  
for Holy Baptism this morning.

#### Congregational Response

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Henry Jefferson, surrounded by our community of love and forgiveness, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

#### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

#### Scripture

Luke 1:68-79

#### Sermon

"Let Us Find Our Rest in You"

Rev. Debbie Fisher

#### Celebration of Holy Communion

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

\* Closing Song "Sing, Sing, Sing" Tomlin

#### \* Benediction



#### Service Notes

**Children are welcome in worship.** We enjoy having kids with us in worship but there is also a special program for them called *Kids Own Worship* that takes place following the Children's Message.

**The Offering we give** is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

**Worship Team:** Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis,  
Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

**Multimedia Coordinators:** Mark & Janet Mason

**Refreshments:** Becky and Sue Ratzer

## UMCL News & Notes ~ December 1, 2013

### **THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE REV. DEBBIE FISHER TO OUR PULPIT.**

Rev. Fisher is a former District Superintendent and a retired UMC clergywoman from the Northern Illinois Conference, presently residing in Wisconsin with her husband Randy. Debbie retired in 2012 after thirty-two years of active and faithful ministry. In her career she served five UM churches: Orland Park; Worth; Schaumburg: Our Saviour's, where she led a significant building project; Downers Grove: First, as the senior pastor; and Lake Bluff: Grace, from which she retired. Rev. Fisher served as District Superintendent of both the Chicago Northwestern District and the Aurora District from 1994-2001. Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve are spending time with their family this weekend as they remember Jamie's father. We thank Rev. Fisher for her ministry today!

**"PRAISE BE TO GOD, THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT!"** Last week Pastor Steve learned of a need in our community and our church family stepped up to fill that need. This family now has furniture, clothing and gift cards to help them through a tough time. God has blessed UMCL and we can honor HIM by blessing others. Thank you!

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**—Stephen Ministry will offer a **Blue Christmas Worship Service** on **Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM**. This is a service of healing for those who are suffering from loss, sadness, or grief in the Advent Season. By offering this service we acknowledge the struggles we face while providing a safe place of rest, comfort, and healing. In the midst of darkness, it is a service of light. Childcare is provided. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren or Mary Spooner or the pastors.

**COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY!** We are looking for families and friends to host coffee time on **December 8 & 15**. If hosting is a gift you would like to give the congregation during this busy and festive season, please contact Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com).

**ADVENT TEA**—The 4th Annual Advent Tea is next week!! Come join us in the celebration of the season and to relax with friends! **Date: Sunday, December 8th; Time: 2:30--viewing of tables, 3:00-4:30--Event; Tickets: \$15-Adults, \$8-Children (ages 5-14).** Contact: Mickey Donahue 847-367-4906 or [missmickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:missmickey2005@gmail.com)

**OUR SECOND ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY** will be presented by our children and youth in Cook Memorial Park on **Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 PM**. Save the date and invite your friends, family and neighbors to this event. Following the presentation, cookies and cocoa will be served at the church.

**PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE NATIVITY**—The church is looking for children and youth to be stars on our stage for the Live Nativity! If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event, contact Amanda Seibert at the church office, to sign-up and attend rehearsals on **Sunday, December 8th at 10:45 AM, Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 AM and Sunday December 15th at 4:00 PM**.

**LIVE NATIVITY COOKIES AND HELP NEEDED!** If you are able to provide 3-4 dozen small cookies for our **Live Nativity on December 15**, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact Mary Ann Burson (847-270-0633 or [bookwormburson@att.net](mailto:bookwormburson@att.net)). Please label any cookies containing nuts and deliver cookies to the kitchen on Sunday, December 15. We also need many **volunteers** to set-up, serve and clean-up after the anticipated crowd. Contact Mary Ann Burson to help.

**CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS** are still available! Please return your wrapped and labeled gifts next **Sunday, December 8**, for the Blessing of the Gifts. If you have selected Humboldt Park children #163 and #134, please contact Jeris Boyce immediately at 847-295-0409.

**WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE**—All women are invited to come together for homemade goodies and fellowship followed by a service of readings, ritual, carols, and contemplation. This service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, (219 W. Maple Avenue, Libertyville) this **Wednesday, December 4; 7:00 PM**-Reception in the Social Hall; **7:30 PM**-Worship in the Chapel.

**POINSETTIAS:** It's time to order the poinsettias which will decorate our altar on December 22 and 24! If you'd like to place an order, please fill out the form found in today's bulletin and return it with your check payable to UMCL for \$14 per plant. Orders and payment are due **December 11**. Or order online at [www.umcl.org/poinsettias](http://www.umcl.org/poinsettias)

## UMCL News & Notes Continued

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Lifting Off Together by Faith.** Thank you for so many returned pledge cards! To date we have received approximately 130 commitments for 2014. It's never too late to return your pledge cards by mailing them to the church or placing them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please contact Ruth Ross if you have questions or need another pledge card. Thank you!

**SUPPORT "IMAGINE NO MALARIA"** by shopping on "Cyber Monday" by visiting [UMCMarket.org](http://UMCMarket.org) to register for an account and choosing "Imagine No Malaria Northern Illinois" as your organization to support. Or make a donation on "Giving Tuesday," December 3, and double your gift! (Every dollar will be matched). Visit [www.umcmision/give](http://www.umcmision/give). Flyers are available in the foyer with more details.

**PRIME TIME** will meet tomorrow, **Monday, December 2, at 12:00 PM** for lunch (\$5). After lunch we'll enjoy entertainment from a Barbershop Quartet group.

**YOUNG COUPLES** will meet on **Friday, December 6 at 7:00 PM**. Paul and Gayla Velez (145 Trailwood Lane, Northbrook) will host a cookie exchange. Please RSVP to 847-412-9632 or [paulandgayla@att.net](mailto:paulandgayla@att.net)

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!** Help support Boy Scout Troop 72, Lake County ministries sponsored by United Methodist Men, and our youth by getting your tree at UMCL this year! The sale runs daily through **December 21** and will feature beautiful, fresh trees. Our youth will also have **wreaths and greenery** available to purchase! If you can help with the sale, please contact Bert Kibbler at 847-367-4894. **Sale Hours: Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM; Sat., 9:00 AM—5:00 PM; Sunday, 11:30 AM—8:00 PM.**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GIFT CARDS—MOO**ve on over to the Heifer International table in the foyer on **Sundays, December 8 & 15** between services. For as little as \$10, you can purchase a share of a goat, sheep, pig, llama, flock of chickens, bees and yes – even a cow. Your contribution can be made in the name of a loved one, and you receive a card to send to that person. The card explains how the program works and describes their cornerstone of "Passing on the gift." Each family receiving an animal or plant then commits to passing on the offspring to another family.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet **December 12, 9:00-11:00 AM** for a Christmas Brunch in the East Room at church. Please bring a breakfast dish to share and a wrapped ornament (under \$10) if you wish to participate in our "lively" ornament exchange. Childcare is provided for this event. Questions? Call Sheila Hillier, 847-984-2794.

**GRACE CIRCLE** will meet **December 12, 6:00 PM** at Ristorante Bottaio in Libertyville. Reservations are needed, so please rsvp to Diana Natsch at (847)362-1385 or email [dnatsch1@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch1@gmail.com)

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet **December 18, 6:00 PM** at the home of Sandy Palmer (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville, 847-680-3026) for a potluck dinner. Please call Sandy to let her know you will attend and what you will be contributing for the meal.

**PADS HELP NEEDED—**We are called by Jesus to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Please consider serving with PADS! Volunteers are ALWAYS needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). We are also in need of new women's underwear and socks for men and women. The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service, or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062.

**PANAMA MISSION 2014—**Thank you all for your donations of school supplies and beanie babies! Since we have 2 dentists going this year we will be seeing more children and therefore need **many small tubes of toothpaste**. We also need over-the-counter medicine - the list is in Fellowship Hall. Questions: call Becky Traut 847-367-0295.

**ENDOWMENT EDGE:** Did you know you can transfer a gift directly from your IRA to the Church operating fund or to the Endowment fund during 2013? The gift would be part of your mandatory distribution. Check with your tax advisor to see how this can affect your taxes.

**2013 CONTRIBUTIONS** will be accepted through December 31, 2013. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end the day. For those considering security contributions, a copy of the Church security contribution procedure and the other forms are available from the Finance office or can be emailed to you on request.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages  
(Children begin in service and leave  
after Children's Message)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in  
service and leave after Children's Message)  
7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

### Monday, December 2, 2013

12:00 PM—Prime Time  
7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

### Tuesday, December 3, 2013

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
6:30 PM—College Mailing & Advent Tea Com.  
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)  
7:15 PM—Pray!  
7:30 PM—Trustees

### Wednesday, December 4, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:00 AM—MEMOS  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
9:45 AM—Faith Study  
7:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee  
7:00 PM—Building Committee  
7:00 PM—Women's Ecumenical Advent Service  
(off site)  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY  
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

### Thursday, December 5, 2013

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's  
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

### Friday, December 6, 2013

6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)  
7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

### Saturday, December 7, 2013

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:30 AM—Praise Band  
Senior High to Chicago  
10:00 AM—Women's Bible Study (PADS lunch)  
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

### Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages  
(Children begin in service and leave  
after Children's Message)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6  
10:45 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in  
service and leave after Children's Message)  
3:00 PM—Advent Tea

### Monday, December 9, 2013

1:00 PM—Booktalkers  
7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group  
7:00 PM—UMW Mission Team  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

### Tuesday, December 10, 2013

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)  
7:15 PM—Pray!

### Wednesday, December 11, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
9:45 AM—Faith Study  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY  
7:00 PM—Resource Committee

### Thursday, December 12, 2013

9:00 AM—Faith Circle  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
2:00 PM—Center for Independent Living  
6:00 PM—Grace Circle (off site)  
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's  
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

### Friday, December 13, 2013

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum  
7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

### Saturday, December 14, 2013

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:30 AM—Praise Band  
10:00 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal  
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

### UMCL Staff

Pastor Stephen C. Williams	<a href="mailto:pastorscwilliams@sbcglobal.net">pastorscwilliams@sbcglobal.net</a>
Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams	<a href="mailto:pastorjhwilliams@sbcglobal.net">pastorjhwilliams@sbcglobal.net</a>
Business/Operations Manager: Ruth Ross	<a href="mailto:ruthaross@sbcglobal.net">ruthaross@sbcglobal.net</a>
Director of Music: Jim Grace	<a href="mailto:grace.jim@sbcglobal.net">grace.jim@sbcglobal.net</a>
Youth Director: Ben Hallett	<a href="mailto:BenHallett@sbcglobal.net">BenHallett@sbcglobal.net</a>
Junior High: Sarah Mitchell	<a href="mailto:sarahmhartley@yahoo.com">sarahmhartley@yahoo.com</a>
Children & Family Ministries: Amanda Seibert	<a href="mailto:AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com">AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com</a>
Director of Adult Choir & Contemporary Worship: Jeff Brown	<a href="mailto:jeffbrown418@yahoo.com">jeffbrown418@yahoo.com</a>
Children's Choir Director: Blair Brockman	<a href="mailto:texasbrockman@sbcglobal.net">texasbrockman@sbcglobal.net</a>
New Member/Ministries Coordinator: Joyce Bedell	<a href="mailto:JoyceBedell@sbcglobal.net">JoyceBedell@sbcglobal.net</a>
Church Office / Administrative Secretary: Karla Bolkema	<a href="mailto:libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net">libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net</a>
Communications Secretary: Valerie Baker	<a href="mailto:Valerie.umcl@gmail.com">Valerie.umcl@gmail.com</a>

Church Office ■ 847-362-2112 Website ■ [www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org)