



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville

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



Today's Scripture Passage

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.
—Isaiah 11:1-10

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Lo, How A Rose" A. Petker

Welcome & Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

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.

* **Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 211, verses 1-4

* **Call to Worship**

Leader Wonder of wonders! The wolf shall dwell with the lamb.

People No one shall hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain.

Leader Wonder of wonders! The leopard shall lie down with the kid.

People The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

Leader This is how you shall know the Messiah—by a spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and the fear of God.

People Wonder of wonders and grace upon grace. Let us share God's vision and hope for peace with all the world. Amen.

* **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 Steve and Stefany Howard

Introduction

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Advent Reading

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Advent Song "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

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Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon "Growing Righteousness and Peace" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No. 209

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Greetings & Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

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Prelude "Lo, How A Rose" A. Petker

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Unison Prayer

God of all hopefulness, help us keep alive your vision of peace and wholeness. Where hope is a small seed, teach us to have faith in its growing. Where people are finding healing and new life, teach us to recognize you at work. When you come to us in unexpected ways, may we know you through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Sapp Family ~ Brian, Leigh, Alexandria & Sofia

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Special Music "Echo Carol" J. Horman

Cherub Choir with soloists Caroline Guiard, Sofia Sapp, Kelsey Corrigan

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Blessing of the Christmas Gifts

* 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 "Lost in the Night" K. Haugen
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon "Growing Righteousness and Peace" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Lo, How A Rose" J. Ferguson

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No. 209

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" J. Ferguson



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We 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!



*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given
by Herb and Mary Spooner in loving memory
of their daughter, Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean.*

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

Sound Tech: Jesse Nixon **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers

Greeter: (9:30) Bettylou Miller

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

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** "Here Is Our King" Crowder

* **Song** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing (with King of Heaven)" Baloché

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Twedell Family ~ Jamie, Andrea and Lily

Introduction

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Advent Reading

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Advent Song "Prepare The Way" Hall

Children's Message

***Song** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Neale

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon "Growing Righteousness and Peace" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* **Closing Song** "O Praise Him" Crowder

* **Benediction**



Service Notes

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.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Remember to include your email address.

We welcome you to Holy Communion to experience the grace and love of God. We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month. All who are seeking the grace of God through the presence of Jesus Christ are welcome to the table.

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

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

Refreshments: Ana Draa

UMCL News & Notes ~ December 8, 2013

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE THIS TUESDAY. Stephen Ministry will offer a **Blue Christmas Worship Service** this 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.

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS. The Blessing of the Gifts takes place this morning, with gift delivery happening this week. Thanks to all who have given gifts!

COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY! We are looking for families and friends to host coffee time on **December 15 & 22**. If hosting is a gift you can give our church family during this festive season, please contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GIFT CARDS—BEAT THE STAMPEDE! Heifer International gift cards are on sale **today and next Sunday, December 15th** in the foyer between all three worship services.

OUR SECOND ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY will be presented by our children and youth in Cook Memorial Park **next 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.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE NATIVITY! We are 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 **this morning 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). 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.

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY: If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate our Sanctuary and East Room on December 22 and 24, 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

SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE! The Adult Choir invites you to sing with us for the 7:00 and 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services. If you would enjoy a short term commitment to the choir during the holidays, begin attending rehearsals now on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM to learn the music. Please contact Jeff Brown or Jim Grace for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE CONTINUES! Help support Boy Scout Troop 72, Lake County ministries sponsored by United Methodist Men, and our youth by getting your tree at UMCL! The sale runs daily through **December 21**. 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.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Celebrate the birth of Christ by coming to worship on Christmas Eve!

- * 4:00 PM ~ Family Service
- * 7:00 PM ~ Traditional Service
- * 10:00 PM ~ Traditional Service with Communion

Nursery Care available for 4:00 & 7:00 PM Services.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for our Sunday School and Kids Own Worship programs, and also to help with our Special Children and Family Events this winter, including Family Game Night, Valentine's Day Dance, Family Mission Nights and the Easter Egg Hunt. We will have a training event on **Sunday, January 5, 2014 at noon**. Lunch will be provided but you must RSVP in advance. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in volunteering please contact Amanda Seibert at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin 2014 with an 18-week study of Exodus in preparation for a study of the Book of Revelation. If you would like to join this study, call Joyce Jeffries for details at 847-566-6944. Join before December 30 to take advantage of the group discount on study materials.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED! We are hosting the Nebraska- Wesleyan Choir for dinner, a concert and an overnight stay in host homes on **Friday, January 10, 2014!** Please plan to attend the concert, and let Jim Grace know (847-362-3116) if you are willing to host two students overnight. We need 25 homes to host two young women or men overnight and then bring them back to the church on Saturday morning after a light breakfast.

BOOKS AND BRUNCH ADVANCE NOTICE—Save **February 22** for Books and Brunch, featuring Neta Jackson, author of Yada Yada Prayer Group series and others (most recent title Derailed). For information, contact Mary Ann Burson or Terry Johnson.

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 Bottai in Libertyville. Reservations are needed, so please rsvp to Diana Natsch at (847)362-1385 or email dnatsch1@gmail.com

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet **December 17, 11:30 AM** for our annual Christmas Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish of whatever you want to share. Any questions call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

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.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES CLASS, taught by Woody Bedell, will begin in January on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. Please call the church if you are interested.

FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE

- It's not too late to return your pledge cards for 2014. Additional cards are available from the Finance Office.
- **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.
- **OFFERING ENVELOPES**—New this year, you have the option to "opt out" of receiving weekly offering envelopes. Notify Ruth Ross, our Business/Operations Manager, **THIS WEEK** if you'd prefer NOT to receive a box of offering envelopes. No notice is needed if you would like to receive a box of envelopes as usual.

CHURCH SIGN VOLUNTEER NEEDED! If you would be willing to change the message on our church sign on an occasional basis to let our community know of our worship schedule and special events, please contact the church office at 847-362-2112. Thank you to Dave Arendsen for faithfully updating the sign for the last years.

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.

Church Calendar

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
9:15 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
10:30 AM—Cherub, Joyful Noise & Choristers
10:45 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
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
5:30 PM—All Stars
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
11:45 AM—Senior High to Chicago
10:00 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

Sunday, December 15, 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)
4:00 PM—Live Nativity Rehearsal
6:00 PM—Live Nativity in Cook Park

Monday, December 16, 2013

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
11:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Resource Committee
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)
7:15 PM—Pray!
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
6:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY

Thursday, December 19, 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 20, 2013

6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings

Saturday, December 21, 2013

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

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