

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 2, 2018
11:00 A.M.**

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World*

PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
“There is Something About That Name”**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

{Please take a moment to register your attendance on the pew pads. Your faithfulness helps us keep up with those in worship. Guests please also fill out the pew card you will find in the racks on the pews and drop them in the offering plate so that we can get to know you! Thank you for your attendance today!}

TIME OF GREETING

{Please extend a word of welcome and a hand of hospitality to each other.}

***HYMN OF PRAISE #196 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

***A Christmas Creed (In Unison)**
I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today. I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry heart. I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible: I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God. I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold. I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

(accessed from: <http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/christmas-prayers/a-christmas-creed.htm>)

MORNING PRAYER

{Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have or know of a prayer concern that needs to be brought to the pastor's and/or congregation's attention, please fill out the prayer card and place it in the offering plate. Prayers will be lifted up.}

STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERTORY

Dedication of our Challenge Cards and Heifer Projects Gifts

John 3:16, “¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

OFFERTORY “Blessed Be The God of Israel” Choir

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for loving us so much that you made a way for us to be in relationship with you. In spite of our failings and sometimes we lack faith to truly grasp your goodness, you still love us and desire to be in our presence. You are welcome here in this place. We want you in our lives and in this church. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to enable us to live as you have called us and to show the world of your love for us. Accept these gifts as an act of worship and bless the gifts for your ministry through West Bend. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TIME

(After the children meet up front with Pastor Kari, they may go with the leaders at the back of the sanctuary to children's church.)

ANTHEM “He Is Born” Choir

SCRIPTURE READING (In Unison)

Luke 1:26-38 *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. {ESV16}*

SERMON Rev. Kari L. Howard

**The Spirit Upon You
Series: Christmas Spirit**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

{During the Lord's Supper, the ushers will guide you to the altar where you may kneel or stand if needed. You will then receive the communion elements, a piece of bread and a cup to partake. When you are finished praying and receiving communion you may leave your cup on the altar rail and then return to your seats by the side aisles so that those who have not received yet may come to the altar down the center aisle.}

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #189 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (vs 1-3)**

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL #189 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (vs 4)**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

MESSAGE NOTES:

Mainline: The word of God _____ becomes the work of God _____ by the Spirit of God _____.

1. The Spirit of God _____ the _____ of God to you.

Luke 1:26-28 *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”*

2. The Spirit of God _____ the _____ of God for you.

Luke 1:28-33 *But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

3. The Spirit of God _____ the _____ to which God has called you.

Luke 1:34-38 *And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

What do you need to do to become available to the Holy Spirit so that you can wholeheartedly say with Mary, “I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 2

9:45AM Sunday School
10:15AM-10:45AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30AM Choir Warm Up
10:55AM Starting With Prayer
11:00AM Worship
2:00PM Choir Practice
5:00PM Handbell Practice

Monday, December 3

WinGs: RSVP to Cyndi Reinhardt re: Party

Tuesday, December 4

12:00PM-1:00PM Table of Grace
Good Food & Good News
All Are Welcome!

Wednesday, December 5

10:00AM Bulletin Deadline
5:30PM WinGs Christmas Party at Positano's

December News:

Join us for our special services all throughout the month!

Our Advent season begins today. We will have special music and our sermon series, "Christmas Spirit." Challenge Cards, Poinsettias orders & Heifer offerings are due. Extra Challenge Cards & Poinsettia order forms are in the back of the church.

A Christmas Giving Tree sponsored by WinGs is in the back of the church to decorate with new winter accessories such as gloves, scarves, socks, etc. The items will be donated to the needy after the holidays. Everyone is welcome to donate items.

December 5th: WinGs party at Positano's. RSVP to Cyndi Reinhardt by December 3rd.

December 9th: Lessons and Carols Service at our 11 AM worship service

December 23rd: Cantata 11 AM Worship

December 24th: 5 PM Christmas Eve Service

December 25th: Christmas Day celebrating our Lord and Savior's birth at home and with friends and family. Prayers of blessings and safety for those who will travel this season.

Table of Grace will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, and Tuesday, January 1st.

Please invite people to church so everyone can hear the word of God and be transformed by Christ.



Giving Challenge 2019

Say Yes, I'll take the challenge to give to West Bend for the ongoing ministry God has called us to in Jesus Christ.

Please turn in your challenge card today!

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:1B-2A)



Now is a great time to catch up on your budget giving before the end of the year. If you haven't kept up with your pledges or giving; by doing so now you could help us finish the year strong and be prepared for the New Year. Thank you!

Community Needs for December
CUOC: Vienna Sausages
Hospice: Snacks

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Church Family

Vickie Freeman
Denny Reinhardt
Chuck Welch

Assisted & Skilled Living

Daffie Branson - Clapp's
Bernice Dwiggin - Somerset, Mocksville
Frank Ervin - Clapp's
Betty Hewitte - Autumn Care, Shalotte
Ruby Howard - Clapp's
Elizabeth Howell - North Pointe
Angie Isenhour - North Pointe
Rene Overton - Cross Roads
Kim Shaw - Woodland Hills
Ramona Shephard - Carillon
Joe Thomas - Cross Roads

Our Military

Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Others

Our Church Our Country
The Unchurched

Prayer requests will be left on for 2 weeks unless specified for a longer time.

Prayer for Revival

Psalm 85:6-7 Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.

God Almighty, revive us again! We want to rejoice in you and the goodness you have shown us. We want to vibrantly live in your salvation and show others your unfailing love so they may have a relationship with you. We repent of our shortcomings in living out your Word and living to ourselves. Save us from ourselves that we might be filled with your Holy Spirit and see revival in our lives, in our families, in West Bend UMC and our community and beyond. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Pastor Kari will be on the Israel Trip December 4 through December 12.

Rev. David Cox will be on call for pastoral support & emergencies during this time. Our lay leader, Mrs. Cyndi Reinhardt, will be available for pastoral emergencies as well. You may also reach our office manager, Mrs. Debra Rogers.

If you need assistance hearing during our worship service, please see the sound tech in the back of the church before worship.

We have ear buds you can use during worship!

Welcome Guests!

We would like to extend a warm West Bend welcome to our visitors today. We hope you will plan to worship with us again and consider joining our church family.

The Nursery and restrooms are located through the double doors up the steps behind the sanctuary and the handicap restroom is through the double doors in the chapel.

Please feel free to join in any of our ministries. If you have any questions about the church, the pastor's e-mail address and phone number are located in the staff section.

We are a community in which questions are welcome, the dress code is whatever you have on, and the grace of God revealed in Jesus matters above all else.

Ministry Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Kari L. Howard
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Cyndi Reinhardt
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