

# God loves all people. So do we.



We are a community of faith seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life, and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life. Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

## Traditions

gam Worship | Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 22, 2019

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS | + PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“No, I never saw an angel, but it is irrelevant whether I saw one or not. I feel their presence around me.”

~ Paulo Coelho, Brazilian novelist

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Welcome**  
This morning in worship we welcome Minnesota singer and songwriter Peter Mayer.

PRELUDE String Quartet in G Minor, Op. 10 Claude Debussy, 1893  
Lux String Quartet

### WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “Listen to the Angels” Neal & Leandra Hagberg  
Peter Mayer, guitar & vocals

+ OPENING WORDS (responsively)  
We thank you, God, for the angels who delight and astound us with your good news.  
We praise you for the richness of the world in which surprise and joy await us.

**For we, too, have found favor with you.**  
We thank you for the angels who bring the message, “Do not be afraid.”  
We praise you that, even in times of fear, you give us the strength and courage to keep going.

**For we, too, can place our hope in you.**  
We thank you for the angels who bring comfort and guidance.  
We praise you that, even in our pain and struggle, you reassure us as you did the people of old.

**For we, too can know your consolation.**  
We thank you for the angels who come among us with songs of glory and worship.  
We praise you that, like the shepherds of old, we can sing “Glory to God in the highest.”

**For we, too, can celebrate the presence of Emmanuel – God with us.**

### WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our vision** is to provide nourishment for the hungers of life.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
**Sundays** 9am to 12pm; **Mondays-Thursdays** 9am to 3pm  
*The office will be closed Dec. 24, 2019, to Jan. 2, 2020.*

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST  
Please email all pertinent information to office@wblumc.org by **1pm Tuesday** for the Sunday bulletin and **10am Wednesday** for the weekly e-blast. *All information is subject to staff approval.*  
Get sermon podcasts, 9am bulletin PDFs, calendar and programming information at [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org).

### WBLUMC STAFF

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### PRAYER AT WBLUMC

One way our church helps nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

**The Prayer Team:** If you would like to request a prayer from this team, please write it on a prayer request card or email Dave Hegdahl at shegdahld2@comcast.net.

**The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com

### WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday, Dec. 22: Music of the Angels**  
9am—Traditions worship; Sunday School & nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall  
10:10-10:25am—Children’s Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45am—New Crossings worship; Sunday School & nursery  
6:30-7:30pm—Low Advent devotional, room 200

**Monday, Dec. 23**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
11am—Worship team Christmas Eve walk-through, sanctuary  
6-10pm —Music rehearsal, sanctuary

**Tuesday, Dec. 24: Church office closed**  
3pm—Family-focused Nativity story worship  
5pm—New Crossings music-focused worship  
10pm—Traditions candlelight worship

**Wednesday, Dec. 25: Church office closed**  
Merry Christmas!

**Thursday, Dec. 26: Church office closed**  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107

**Friday, Dec. 27: Church office closed**  
*No scheduled activities*

**Saturday, Dec. 28**  
7:30am—Men’s prayer group, room 200  
9am—WBL Saturday morning women’s AA group, 200/206

**Sunday, Dec. 29**  
10am—One service; no Sunday School this week

**Monday, Dec. 30: Church office closed**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

**Tuesday, Dec. 31: Church office closed**  
2-3:30pm—“Reckless Love” book study, room 200  
6-7pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020: Church office closed**  
Happy New Year!

**Thursday, Jan. 2: Church office reopens**  
7:10am—Men’s breakfast group, library  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA group, room 107  
11:30am-1pm—Up All Night social justice group, room 206

**Saturday, Jan. 4**  
7am-10am—Bread baking, kitchen & Fellowship Hall  
7:30am—Men’s prayer group, room 200  
9am—WBL Saturday morning women’s AA group, 200/206



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WORSHIP  
NOTES

**About the opening hymn**  
This joyful Advent hymn has the spirit of a Christmas carol, but with an imaginative Advent text. Singing this carol is indeed one way to prepare both our homes and hearts for the coming of the Savior.

**About the Advent wreath**  
The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder that we are in a season of anticipation. The light of the candles invite us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the ways we welcome the light of Christ into our lives at Christmas. The pink candle is traditionally lit on the third Sunday of Advent.

+ OPENING HYMN

“People, Look East”  
1,all; 2, vocal solo; 3 & 4, all

No. 202  
tune: Besançon

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Candle lighters: Julie Sanchez, Bridget Franzmeier, Scott Franzmeier, Parker Sanchez, Laura Linder, Joe Linder, Luci Linder, Lila Linder

ADVENT PRAYER

**Loving God, we open ourselves to you,  
trusting that this is how you made us:  
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.  
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.  
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the children’s message, children and youth through 12th grade will leave for Sunday School.*

MORNING 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-2

Reader: Paul Dickson

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.  
Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by so doing some people have shown hospitality  
to angels without knowing it.”

Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them,  
“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news  
that will cause great joy for all people.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Leader:* For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP  
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**Visiting musicians**  
The WBLUMC Chancel Choir  
welcomes the Twin Cities-based  
Lux String Quartet.

**Postlude pop-quiz**  
Can you name the three  
Christmas Carols included  
in the Postlude?

MUSIC OF THE ANGELS

FEATURING THE CHANCEL CHOIR & LUX STRING QUARTET

“For Unto Us,” from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F Handel
“Christmas Angel” Nancy Rausch, soloist	Corlynn Hanney
“Panis Angelicus” Stephanie Skor, violin John Koziol, piano	César Franck
“Brightest and Best”	Reginald Heber arr. Kirchner
“Monotone Angel” Luke Gion, soloist	Don McAfee
“Candlelight Carol”	John Rutter
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ”	Charles Wesley arr. Dan Forrest

CONNECTION CARDS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING	“Gloria” Meagan Seubert, soloist	André Thomas
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CLOSING HYMN	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	No. 220
+ BENEDICTION		
+ POSTLUDE	“The Joys of Christmas” piano Duet, Karen Flynn & Peteria Cochran Routt	arr. by David R. Naylor

