

The Messages of Advent

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Christmas Eve worship

Please join us Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, at any of our three services

3pm: Family worship will be a shorter service of carols and more for our most wiggly and energetic friends.

5pm: A service of carols led by the music team.

10pm: A traditional service of carols and candle-lighting featuring the choir.

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 contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or ljjacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.

Hospital visits: If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church at 651-429-9026 or email office@wblumc.org. Because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify churches when someone is admitted. Our pastors and BeFrienders are available to anyone who requests a visit or call.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

9am Worship ~ Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Hymn sing!

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

~ Psalm 90:12

“We must learn to acknowledge that the creation is full of mystery;
we will never entirely understand it. We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe.
We must recover the sense of the majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence.”

~ Wendell Berry

PRELUDE

WELCOME

To make a request for the Hymn Sing, please fill out the cards handed out with your bulletins, including your name plus your requested hymn and its number in the hymnal, then hand them to the ushers when indicated.

+OPENING WORDS

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Praise be to God who provides for us.

**May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude
by the way we live and care for others.**

May we be filled with God’s deep joy today.

Hallelujah! Amen.

✚OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

No. 61

MESSAGE

Fearless Invitation

Pastor John McBride

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious life-giving God, you call us to live out our faith in ways that honor you and bless our neighbors, and we recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here shapes our daily witness around the gospel values of love, justice and peace. And so we pray that in our worship the unfailing treasures of your love will shape and reshape our hearts, this day and in the week to come. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Evening Prayer”
From the opera *Hänsel and Gretel*
Handbell Quartet

Engelbert Humperdinck
arr. by Darrell Day

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After this message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to 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

Mark 1:16-20

Reader: Barbara Richter

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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.**

NOVEMBER HYMN SING

Music staff will announce hymn selections based on your requests written on the cards handed out by the ushers.

FINAL SONG

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 451

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards to help us track attendance. After the prayer of dedication, you may place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“Pavana”
Handbell Quartet

William Byrd
Transcribed by Charles Maggs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚CLOSING HYMN

“When In Our Music God is Glorified”

No. 68

✚BENEDICTION

✚POSTLUDE

“All Glory Be To God on High”

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

Meet our new Next Generation Minister!

Missie Aberle will be our Next Generation Minister, starting on Sunday, Dec. 2. Since 2012, Missie has worked as Youth and Family Minister at Faith Lutheran Church in Balsam Lake, Wis. Before that, she was a design service engineer in the telecommunications industry and a small business owner. She has an master's degree in youth and family ministry from Luther Seminary. A native of Colorado, she is also a wife and mom. We look forward to welcoming her very soon!



Sunday, Nov. 25: Hymn sing

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats, Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10am-noon—Advent fundraiser, main hallway
10:45-11:30am—Worship; Children's Church & nursery

Monday, Nov. 26

10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, room 206
7-8:15pm—Church book club, library

Tuesday, Nov. 27

6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Serving from the Heart study, room 200

Wednesday, Nov. 28

6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Children's & Youth Activities
6:30pm—Youth parent/guardian appreciation night
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursday, Nov. 29

7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
7-8:30pm—BeFrienders: Abundant Aging, room 200

Friday, Nov. 30

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, Dec. 1

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 200
8am-1pm—Bread baking prep, kitchen & Fellowship Hall
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, room 200/206

Sunday, Dec. 2: Bread pick-up after both services

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats, Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10:45-11:30am—Worship; Children's Church & nursery
2-6pm—Holiday Breads class, kitchen & Fellowship Hall

Welcome

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

Sunday:	9am to 12pm
Monday-Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday and Saturday	CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Have a church-related event you'd like to appear in the Sunday bulletin or the weekly e-blast? Please email all pertinent information, including contact information, to office@wblumc.org no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **10am Wednesday** for the e-blast. *All information is subject to staff approval.* Thank you!

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday — call the office at 651-429-9026, email your request to office@wblumc.org or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit wblumc.org for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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'Tis the season
to gather & celebrate!



Lessons & Carols

Join us for music focused on
Advent, Solstice, and New Year

Dec 16 @ 9am & 10:45 services
All are welcome | Bring a guest

Book club meeting

Book club meets at 7pm **tomorrow, Nov. 26**, in the library to discuss *Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution* by Todd S. Purdum. **December's book** will be *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen.

Abundant Aging Today

Are you finding certain tasks harder to do or do you have a neighbor or loved one facing difficulties? If so, join the BeFriender-sponsored talk with church member Roxanne Jenkins, who works for Lutheran Social Service. She helps seniors find ways to manage and find resources to experience abundant aging. Sign up in the narthex or call Barb Hinz, 651-777-0465, or Roberta Schmidt, 651-653-0067. Bring a guest! Join us 7pm **Thursday, Nov. 29**, in room 200.

December Baking with a Purpose

The Bread Ministry thanks all who volunteered to help with December bread-baking! Pick up loaves of Challah and Craisin Walnut on **Sunday, Dec. 2**, after each service. December's donations will go to Second Harvest Heartland. Your generous November donations raised \$650 for home-building in Guatemala through Common Hope.

BreadX talks: The Extraordinary Experience of Hearing God's Voice

Featuring our own Glenn Oliphant sharing his many life experiences when he felt that God saved him, inspiring him to share his story so people will understand God's grace. Glenn, a 30-year member of WBLUMC, grew up in a small town in southern Minnesota, graduated from community college and served four years in the U.S. Navy. Join us **Wednesday, Dec. 5**, 6:30-7:30pm for Glenn's talk and a light supper in Fellowship Hall. This is a community event, bring a guest!



WBL food shelf: Holiday Baking Bags

White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf is excited to be giving out Holiday Baking Bags again this December! The food shelf is looking for individuals and groups to collect baking items and assemble them into bags. Each Holiday Baking Bag is valued at around \$10 and brings a sweet treat to a family in our community. Contact Sonja at volunteer@whitebearfoodshelf.org or pick up a flier on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Other ways to serve

Santa Shop volunteering at Solid Ground: We need 10 adults to help on **Saturday, Dec. 15**, 9:30am-1pm. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall, plus a description of what volunteers will do. If you're interested in donating new items for the Santa Shop, get information sheets at the bulletin board. Donations should be taken directly to Solid Ground.

White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf: Interested in becoming a volunteer? Sign up on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. When we have 4-5 interested folks we'll set up a training session at the food shelf.

Blankets for Bridging: It's the *last week* to bring new or very gently used blankets for donation. Throws and twin, queen and king sizes are all needed. Put them in the basket outside Lori McBride's office.

More tickets to "It's a Wonderful Life"

Because we had to change our group reservation for *It's a Wonderful Life* to 7:30pm **Thursday, Dec. 13**, more tickets are now available. To join, sign up in the narthex or email lori.mcbride@wblumc.org.

Children & Youth updates



Last week to shop!

Children's Ministries is hosting a fundraiser to help send kids to Good Earth Village Camp. Chocolate and Display Advent Calendars are \$5 and Christmas Jigsaw Puzzles are \$10, all priced below suggested retail. Stop by the tables in the main hallway today to get a great deal and show your support!

Solid Ground youth shopping

Come for dinner at 5:30pm on **Wednesday, Dec. 5**, then shopping as a group at Target for Solid Ground families. Youth, their mentors and volunteers are invited to help deliver gifts on Sunday, Dec. 9. Contact Linnea to sign up.

Last week for gratitude challenge

What a great way to complete the Thanksgiving weekend! If you didn't receive an orange November Gratitude Calendar in the mail, you can find them on the Welcome Table in the narthex.

Children's Voices at Christmas

The United Methodist Women will welcome the Joyful Noise Children's Choir to their annual Winter Program on **Saturday, Dec. 8**, 9:30am-noon in Fellowship Hall. The choir will sing Christmas songs, followed by a sing-along of your favorite and most cherished Christmas tunes. All church members are welcome. Please bring new socks and underwear (men, women, children, all sizes) for the Giving Rack (formerly God's Closet). Sign up in the narthex or email Eva Shipley at shipley.41@comcast.net for information.

Coming soon: Trees for Books

Sunday, Dec. 2, in the narthex

The Faith in Action team will sell handmade paper Christmas Trees to raise funds for the purchase of books for the kids of Willow Lane Elementary School in White Bear Lake. More than 65 percent of the Willow Lane students are on free or reduced lunch, the highest in the district. Your free-will donation for a tree goes directly toward the purchase of new books. Contact Eva Shipley at shipley.41@comcast.net for information.

