

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**December 30, 2012 ~~ First Sunday After Christmas Day**

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.  
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.  
"Faith by the lake – and beyond!"

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

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## **GATHERING MUSIC**

**VISION STATEMENT .... We are a Christ-Centered Church committed to reaching all people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging all who respond to become disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**RALLY CRY ..... "Faith by the Lake - and Beyond!"**

## **WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**INTROIT ..... "He Is Born" ... UMH No. 228 with Faith Choir**

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

### **OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**ALL: O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal light, Sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness. Amen**

**RESPONSIVE READING ..... Psalm 148 ... UMH Psalter Pg. 861**

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**ALL: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He set them in place forever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

**ALL: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,**

Leader: Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.

**ALL: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

Leader: He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Away in a Manger” ... UMH No. 217**

**ANTHEM..... “Sing Joy: A Melody of Carols” ... Faith Choir**

**KIDS TIME ..... Pastor Victor**

- CHILDREN’S CHURCH ... Children 4 through 9 years of age are invited to the Classroom for Children’s Church during the rest of our Service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL ... Youth in Grades 3 through 6 are invited to the Youth Room (downstairs) during the rest of our Service.

**\*GOSPEL READING ..... Luke 2: 21-38**

Leader: On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

**ALL: When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord" ), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."**

Leader: Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

**ALL: Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,**

Leader: Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

**ALL: The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."**

Leader: There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.

**ALL: She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.**

Leader: Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

LEADER: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” ... UMH No. 229**

**PASTORAL PRAYER ..... for our Church, Our Community and Our World**

**MESSAGE ..... “This Child”... Rev. Victor Waters**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY ..... UMH No. 95**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN ..... “Go Tell It On the Mountain”... UMH No. 251**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY –**

- The Office will also be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Steele/Waseca** - Invites you to the dedication of house #21 with partner family Brittania Panuska and daughter Rylie, on Jan. 10, 2013. Open House 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.; Dedication Ceremony 7:00 p.m. The home is located at: 508 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street, New Richland MN.

**OFFICE HOURS** – We are in the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant. Tentative Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Pastor Water’s manning the office in the interim. Thank you for your patience while we conduct our interviews.

## REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:**

**Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna:** Elaine Flathers

**Colony Court:** Rosalind Peterson

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken,  
Don Lohse & Mable Long

**Joy Home, St. Paul:** Raymond Pommerenke

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Oak Lawn Care Center, Mankato:** Gerri Peterson

**Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who are ill, injured or homebound:** Jim & Marian Keller, Willie Mahler, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

12/30/2012 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. – Worship *Children’s Church & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
12/31/2012 (Mon.)	NEW YEARS EVE Church Office & Hansel & Gretel CLOSED today. (Tina vacation)
1/1/2013 (Tues.)	NEW YEAR’S DAY Church Office & Hansel & Gretel CLOSED today.
1/2/2013 (Wed.)	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina) 3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video 7 p.m. – Choir Practice
1/3/2013 (Thurs.)	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
1/4/2013 (Fri.)	Office Hours TBA
1/6/2013 (Sun.)	BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. – Hymn Sing! 9:30 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion *Children’s Church & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
1/7/2013 (Mon.)	9a.m. to 1 p.m. - Church Office Open (Tentative)
1/8/2013 (Tues.)	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Church Office Open (Tentative) 1:30 p.m. - Lake Shore Inn Communion (Pastor Waters) 4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
1/9/2013 (Wed.)	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Church Office Open (Tentative) 3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video 4:30 to 6 p.m. – Confirmation @ Faith UMC 7 p.m. – Choir Practice
1/10/2013 (Thurs.)	9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Church Office Open (Tentative) 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTS on James (UR)