



Williston Federated Church

December 24, 2021 4:00pm

Open and Affirming, Reconciling Pledge

We, the Williston Federated Church, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming, Reconciling congregation. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation.

Mission Statement

Our church is a community which seeks, welcomes and gathers people to share the Gospel of God's love, enables people to find fullness of life through Jesus Christ, goes into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ, and responds actively to human need.



Pastor – Reverend Paul Eyer phone: 802-878-5792 email: pastoreyer@gmail.com

Emeritus Associate Pastor – Charlie Magill

Lay Leader – Ashley Dubois

Church Office Administrator – Pamela Osborne

Music Director – Martin Hain

Organist – Carolyn Pillsbury

Choir Accompanist – Carol Schein

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist Church
Federated in 1899



Welcome To All Who Worship Here!
Friday, December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve 4:00pm

Prelude	“In Dulci Jubilo” (J.S. Bach)	Carolyn Pillsbury
Introit	“Lullay My Liking” composed by Robert DeCormier	Choral Ensemble Carolyn Pillsbury
Call to Worship	<i>based on Psalm 96 and Luke 2: 1-14</i> One: Sing to our God a new song; Sing to our God all the earth. All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, Peace on earth to all! One: The heavens are telling the glory of God, let the earth rejoice, let trees of the forest sing for joy! All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, peace on earth to all!	Pastor Paul Eyer and Congregation
Opening Hymn	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn #234 (verses 1,3,6)	Choral Ensemble
Lighting of the Advent Candle	“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.” (<i>Isaiah 9:2</i>) <i>[Four purple candles are lit and then the</i>	Donna Sue and Martin Hain

reading continues.]

“The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.” (*John 1:9*)

[The white candle is lit.]

Scripture	The Birth Foretold Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Andrew Becher
Scripture	The Peaceable Kingdom Isaiah 11:1-4, 6	Ashley Dubois
Solo	“Wexford Carol”	Helen Lyons
Scripture	The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38	Sara Moran
Scripture	Joseph’s Dream Matthew 1:18-25	Gary Lewis
Cello and piano duet	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Martin Hain and Carol Schein
Scripture	Journey to Bethlehem Luke 2:1-7	Toby Rockwood
Scripture	Luke’s Nativity Luke 2:8-20	Donna Sue Hain Choral
Anthem	“Jesus Athontia (Jesus, He is Born)”	Ensemble

Scripture	The Journey of the Magi Matthew 2:1-12	Bob Driver
Carol	“We Three Kings” Hymn #254	Carolyn Pillsbury
Offering/ Offertory	Anthem: “Lullaby Carol” *Presentation of Gifts with “Gloria” chorus from “Angels We Have Heard on High” (Hymn #238)	Choral Ensemble Carolyn Pillsbury
	<i>(Tonight’s offering will be equally divided between the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and support for the ongoing ministries of Williston Federated Church.)</i>	
Scripture	The Mystery of Incarnation John 1:1-4	Pastor Paul Eyer
Lighting of Candles		
Carol	“Silent Night” performed on harp	Karen Allen
Benediction/ Blessing	John 1:5, 14	Pastor Paul Eyer
Carol	“Joy to the World” Hymn #246 (all verses)	Choral Ensemble Carolyn Pillsbury

Postlude

“Raise Now Your Song on High” (by Camille-Saint-Saens; Arr. by Todd Kendall)

Carolyn
Pillsbury

Liturgical Resources

The **Call to Worship** is adapted from a liturgy entitled “Come Just as You Are, Service Prayers for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day” was written by the Rev. Penny L. Lowes, found at “Worship Ways” on the United Church of Christ website www.ucc.org.

The **Advent Candle** liturgy was adapted from a liturgy prepared by Rev. David Beswick of the Uniting Church of Australia found at <http://www.beswick.info/rc/resources/CEA95OS.htm>.

Ushers: Don and Cindy Thurston, Larry Pillsbury and Sylvia Maloney

Greeters: Carlos and Jan Mejia

Online Greeter: Jackie Lingelbach

Online Prayer Coordinator: Ashley Dubois



Poinsettia
DEDICATIONS

Bill, Polly, and Becca	In memory of Romaine
Brian & Gayle Goodwin	In Memory of Richard Wendeborn and Claudia Goodwin
Kim Hornung-Marcy and Ted Marcy	In Celebration of God's love and in loving memory of Henry and Dorothy Marcy
Sally and Will Metro	In Loving Memory of Kathleen Metro
Sandy Twombly	In memory of my parents, Frank & Muriel Rees
Ruth & Charlie Magill	In memory of family members gone on
Shawn Hollick	In memory of Jane, John, & Mary Hollick
Nancy Jenkins and Bryan Jackson	In memory of Doris W. Jenkins
Joe and Sylvia Maloney	In memory of our parents
Ellie Casey	In memory of Verner & Helen and Zing & Lorraine
Ursula White	In memory of my husband Bill and son Mark
Carmyn Stanko	In memory of my aunt, Emmy Streck
Carol and Bruce Wyatt	In memory of Arthur & Georgine Wyatt and Willis & Dorothy Cheney.
Donna Goodheart In honor and memory of the Rhodes Family.	Donna Goodheart In honor and memory of the Rhodes Family.