

Advent 4 and Christmas Eve
Dec 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.
LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE
Stewart Memorial Church, Dwight

WE GATHER

Welcome and Gathering Statement

Lighting Candles of the Advent Wreath

(As the first blue candle is lit the singing bowl rings)

Reader: On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit a candle for Hope.

(as the second blue candle is lit the singing bowl rings)

Reader: On the second Sunday, we lit a candle for Peace.

(as the pink candle is lit the singing bowl rings)

Reader: On the third Sunday, we lit a candle for Joy.

(as the last blue candle is lit the singing bowl rings)

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent we light a candle for Love.

(as the white candle in the centre is lit the singing bowl is rung 3 times.)

Reader: The time has come to light the Christ candle. As the flame of the Christ candle begins to burn, Let God's Spirit shine in our hearts; let God's Love shine in our world; and let the wisdom of the Christ-child be born in us this year.

(Baby Jesus figure is placed in manger of Nativity Scene)

Opening Hymn: Hope is a Star VU #7

Prayer of Approach

**Holy God, You come to us as love incarnate,
grace-filled yet baby frail.
May our hearts cradle you,
our voices sing to you,
our spirits leap to you,
and our hearts dance with you.
Amen**

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Reading One: John 1: selected verses

Hymn: People Look East VU 9

Reading Two: Romans 8: 15-25

Hymn: Twas in the Moon of Wintertime. VU71

Reading Three: Zechariah 9:9-10

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" VU 35

Reading Four: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Hymn: "O Day of Peace" VU682

Reading Five: Luke 1:26-42 Annunciation

Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful VU 60

Reading Six: Luke 2:1-7 Census and birth in Bethlehem

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VU64

Reading Seven: Luke 2:8-14 Shepherds and Angels

"Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" VU38

Reading Eight: Luke 2:14-20 The child in a manger

Hymn; He is Born VU 50

Reading Nine: Matthew 2: 1-12
Offertory Hymn: What Child is This? VU74

Reading Ten: 1 John 1:1-4; Revelation 21: 1-4
Closing Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain VU43

Commissioning and Benediction

May the eagerness of the shepherds,
the joy of the angels,
the perseverance of the Magi,
the faithfulness of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas. Amen.

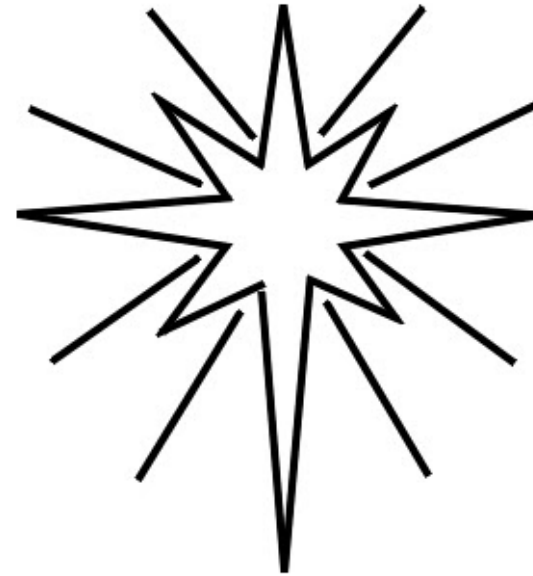
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Eve Candlelight services tonight

Knox United Church, Dorset 5 p.m.
Pioneer Memorial United, Hillside 7 p.m.

SEE YOU IN PIONEER HALL ON DECEMBER 31!!

Please note: We will be gathering in Pioneer Hall for shared services during the next few months right through the Season After Epiphany, the Season of Lent and some of the Easter Season until better weather permits. Easter Sunday falls on March 31st in 2024.



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Christmas Eve Morning

A service of Lessons and Carols

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