Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting
Prayer for the First Candle
O God, come, walk with us through this season of Advent as we wait and watch for signs of your kingdom. Give us courage to spread hope throughout our world. Amen.

Hymn O How Shall I Receive You #102

The Symbols and Stories of Christmas with Children

Advent Prayer
Loving God, this Advent season calls us to watch, wait, and hope for new things. Help us to notice the signs of your presence all around us that we might be surprised, renewed, and know that you are with us. Amen.

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-4, 3:17-19
The Prophet Habakkuk

Reflection Question
1. What message do you hear from the prophet Habakkuk?
2. How do the words of Habakkuk relate to the season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus?

Hymn Isaiah the Prophet Has Written #108

Joys and Concerns
Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Song
From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
O God, these gifts we offer are signs of our love for you. With them we dedicate ourselves to the ministry of proclaiming your kingdom in our world. In our words, our actions, and our daily living, we seek to make known that there is no God like you in all the earth. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn Joy to the World #132

Blessing

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We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hope is being able to see there is light despite the darkness.

- Desmond Tutu

Keep in Prayer

John Smith, Rollie Homan,
Jane Sanders & Bill Sanders
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Linda

Offering may be left in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Betty Rhoad

Advent Study, November 30, 12:00pm

Sunday School meets after worship
Yard/Garden Clean Up after worship

Basket Auction, tonight, 6pm

Ally Support Group, Tuesday, 6:30pm

Christmas Dinner, December 4, 6pm
Please sign up

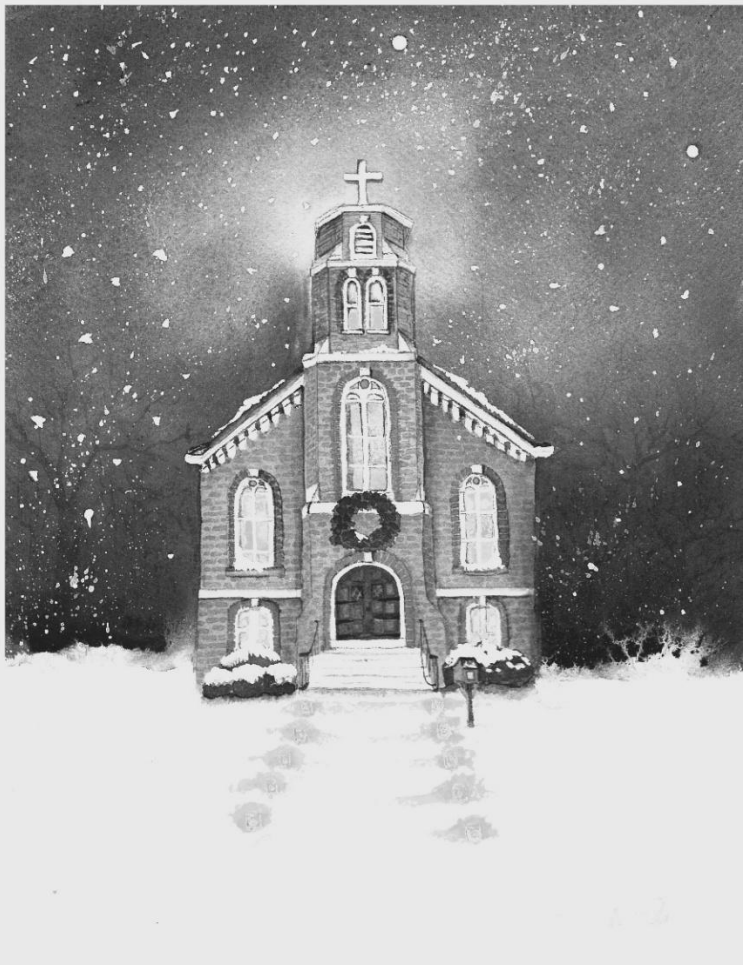
Christmas Eve Worship
Communion and Candlelight, 5:00pm here
or 7:30pm at St. John's UCC

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