

*Worship with Song

A Star Shone Bright W&S, 3051

*A star shone bright across the plain
and calmed the earth so Love could reign.
Twas in a child that hope was born,
A dream fulfilled! O happy morn!*

*O Son of God, Incarnate Word,
O Wisdom's Light, whom angels heard,
come forth again, our hearts console.
O heal our hurts and make us whole.*

*From Bethlehem come to our day;
reveal to us your holy way.
Be born again, Eternal Fire.
O spirit come, our souls inspire.*

*O star shine forth once more this night
and flood our streets with heavenly light
til every heart in Christ shall see
the glory of eternity!*

*Passing of the Peace

*Worship with Song

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
UMH, 218

To Breathe God In

Children's Church

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 2.1-3, 7-8, 16-18, NRSVue

Hymn of Preparation:

Wild & Lone the Prophet's Voice
TFWS, 2089

Reading of Scripture Mark 9.33-37, NRSVue

Words from the past made new to us today

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Message **Service not Power**

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music & Reflection

Promised Savior, Promised King

**And to become
the Breath of God in Community**

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory **A Manger, Far Away**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Worship with Prayer

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,
for ever and ever
Amen.

Hymn of Blessing

What Does the Lord Require of You?
UMH, 441

Benediction

Thank You for Serving

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox
Liturgist	Beth Russell
Advent Candles	Elissa & Wyatt
Musician	Marsha Barter & Vicki Spear
Song Leaders	Jenny Lynn Girvan, Ken & Elaine Konyha
Ushers	Harry Barter & Patti Davidson
Tech	Keith Danielson , Dan Girvan, & John Faas

Caroling on the Green

What: Community Christmas Caroling
When: This Afternoon, 4:00 pm
Where: On the Village Green

Come Enjoy the Festive Carols

Let's celebrate the Christmas Season as
we join together to sing your favorite carols,
accompanied by live musical instruments.



SUNDAY, December 17

- ⇒ 9:15 am, Small Group Study, Wesley Room
- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- ⇒ 11:30 am, Fellowship Time
- ⇒ 4 pm, Caroling on the Green

MONDAY, December 18

- ⇒ 9 am, Caregivers Support Group, Library
- ⇒ 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room

TUESDAY, December 19, 6 pm, Church Council, Jamesport Brewery

WEDNESDAY, December 20,
Community Dinner, 4:30 Take-Out, 5-6 Dine-In

THURSDAY, December 21, 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room

SUNDAY, December 24

- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- ⇒ 6 pm, Christmas Eve Service, Celebration of Scripture & Song, Sanctuary



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Be the Breath of God in Community

Our Vision: To be the Breath of God in Community
Our Values: Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All



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The Breath of God in Community

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

We Gather Together

Prelude ***O Come All Ye Faithful
Celebrate the Child***

Welcome & Announcements

For Worship

Call to Worship

Servant God, humble our hearts and
quiet our minds,

**That we may reflect your servant heart
in everything we see and do.**

Plant your wisdom in our lives,

**That we might live your teachings and
bear fruit at just the right time.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

**We light a candle for peace.
May it light the Way.**

*Please stand