



Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.

2020 E. Washington Street, Monticello, IL 61856

December 27, 2020 8:30 am



Preparation for Worship

What religious rituals do you practice which help to grow meaning and understanding to your faith?

Announcements

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Prelude

Tell the Good News!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord from the highest heaven.

People: The sun and moon, and all the stars in sky, sing praises to our God.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the deepest valley.

People: The mountains and hills, and all the trees in the forest, worship the Lord on high.

Leader: Praise the Lord from heart filled with song.

People: The old and young, and all the saints of God, sing with songs of joy.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the ruler of heaven and earth.

***Hymn**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 240

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Common Prayer

Light of the world, shine in our lives this day. As we gather to worship you this day, give us the eyes of Simeon and the faith of Anna, that we may see the promise of our salvation. As we come before you with hope and expectation, give us the spirit of your Son, that we too may grow in strength and increase in wisdom. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Luke 2:22-40

Kid's Time

Special Music *Welcome to Our World* New Day

Message

Special Music *A Gift of Alleluia* Kathy Brown

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

*Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* No. 249

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth, for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

*Benediction

Live your lives in peace and hope--for Christ has clothed us with love. Amen!

*Postlude *Ding, Dong, Merrily On High*

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Organist: Gloria Cardoni

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



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Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Office Manager: Mary Catherine St. John

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Youth Ministries: Natalie McDowell

Director of Family Ministries: Mary Catherine St. John

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Important information to know...

You may reach Rev. Kathy at 815-370-3039.

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Mike and Deborah Westjohn's 44th wedding anniversary.

Do you know someone who has a special need or would like a phone call? Please call the office and let us know. Caring for each other has become a bit more difficult during covid--but not impossible!

Have you tried our new APP and website? We are excited for its launch. It is a great way to receive information about what is happening in the church. It is available in the Google Play store and Apple store.

Today, December 27

8:30 am Worship

Tuesday, December 29

8:15 am Just Walking at the church

1:30 pm Food Pantry is open

7 pm Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, December 31--Office Closed

1:30 pm Food Pantry is open

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Worship