



Meridian United Methodist
**Church of the
Warm Heart**

December 15, 2024 - Traditional

Prelude: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Rolling Tones

Welcome & Announcements

Meet & Greet

Opening Hymns: *Take Time to Be Holy* (#395)

Angels From the Realms of Glory (#220)

Affirmation of Faith: Affirmation from Romans #887

Children's Time

Sunday school for ages 4 & 5 downstairs in nursery; grades 1-5 upstairs in Ark

Lighting the Advent Candles The Schultze/Fletcher family

Anthem: *Prepare the Way* Celebration Choir

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 23:1-2; Revelation 22:1-2

Message: Colors of the Season..... Pastor Mike Benischek

Offertory: *Breath of Heaven* Triple Trio

Doxology & Prayer

Closing Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (#221)

Benediction

Postlude: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Handbell Ensemble

Have a blessed week!

Special thanks to....

Worship Leader: Faye Gabriel

Sunday School teacher:

A/V Volunteers: Heather Calkins, Daniel Ciulla, Whitney Miller, Dennis & Claudia Moberly, Dave Murphy, Shane Ostermeier, Ian & Jenna Perry, Ron & Margaret Pridmore, Dan Pruett, Gerry Skiver

Ushers: Mary Rich, Howard Foley, Bryce Keck & Gerry Mattison



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Prelude: *Original Piece* Deb Kaetzel

Welcome

Congregational Songs: *Manger Throne*

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Meet & Greet

Children's Time

Sunday School for grades K-5 downstairs in nursery

Lighting the Advent Candles The Scarangella family

Footprints to the Manger Angels Alive Choir

Cort Fischer, James, Conor and Lily Scarangella, Jaxson and Addie Smith, Jacob and Benjie Paz, Coraline and Silas Walker, Presley Merideth, Ada and Granger Gillespie, Lyla and Weston Kopp, Daxton Fletcher, Abby Jow, Vera and Sawyer Wolsborn

Closing Song: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Blessing

Postlude

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Special thanks to....

Angels Alive Program: Malia Paz, costumes; Lena Leow, set; Kathryn Gillespie, assisting; Debbie Jones, directing; and all the parents bringing these awesome kids to rehearsals each week!

Scripture Reader: -

Sunday School teacher: Jessie Layton, in nursery downstairs

Worship Team: Josie Adjanohoun, Stephanie Benischek, Cadence Etheridge, Amanda Evans, Joe Haacke, Charlie Jones, Bonnie Jow, Deb & Chris Kaetzel, Bill Manning, Misty Spears & Coy Wood

A/V Volunteers: Heather Calkins, Daniel Ciulla, Whitney Miller, Dennis & Claudia Moberly, Dave Murphy, Shane Ostermeier, Ian & Jenna Perry, Ron & Margaret Pridmore, Dan Pruett, Gerry Skiver

Greeters: Marcel & Judy Goldberg



Blue Christmas



Wednesday, December 18th
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

On the darkest night of the year, we acknowledge that the Advent season may bring grief and sadness. This service gives sacred space to these feelings and offers healing and hope.



Merry Methodists

Our M&M's are this evening for a potluck dinner and Christmas Party! They're meeting a little earlier than normal for driving conditions, the party is at **3 pm in the FLC**. There is also a small gift card exchange, please see Cheryl Mulvihill for details or call her at **208-995-7177**.



Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22nd
at the 9:30 service

Our Celebration Choir will be presenting their Christmas Cantata "A Christmas Carol in Bethlehem" during the 9:30 service next week. We hope to see you there!



Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

December 24th at 5, 7 & 11 pm

Be sure to join us on Christmas Eve for special services at 5, 7, and 11 p.m. If you cannot join us in person, the 5 and 7 o'clock services will also be broadcast on our website, Facebook, and YouTube.



Holiday Schedule

On Sunday, December 29th we will offer a single service at 10 a.m. Additionally, the church office will be closed on December 25 and January 1. Our Tuesday Bible Study will go on holiday break after this week, resuming on Jan 7th.

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