

November 28, 2021 • 10:00 am



EXPECT HOPE

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING



Milwood United Methodist

Kalamazoo, Michigan

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

*Connecting Through Christ:
Serve, Worship, Learn, Witness*

Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor

Darlene Sang, Director of Choirs

Carl Doubleday, Organist

Yunsi Zhang, Pianist

Kevin West, Liturgist

Gordy Brodhagen, Alex Gordon, Dave Gordon, & Eric Rice, Sound & Technology



Nursing moms:

the lounge at the far north end of the building is open for your use and privacy.

Welcome to Worship

***please stand if you are able**

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Wilbur Held

***Hymn**

**All Earth Is Waiting (sung in English)
verse 1 (solo) then verses 1, 2, 3 (omit verse 4)**

UMH 210

please be seated

Advent Candle Lighting

Make Room

Mary, Sue, & Carolyn

**Make room in my heart. Make room in my life. O Lord, prepare the way!
Make room in my heart. Make room in my life. Make room in me today**

Unison Prayer

**We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in our darkness
to show us the way of salvation. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Response

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Williams

Response

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Prayer and The 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, forever.
Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Chancel Choir

William Rowan

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his path.
Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low;
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and mankind shall see it together.

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord;

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled,

and every mountain and hill will be leveled.

The crooked will be made straight

and the rough places made smooth.

All humanity will see God’s salvation.”

Sermon

Expect Hope

Pastor Caleb Williams

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*Blessing

*Postlude

Postlude on HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

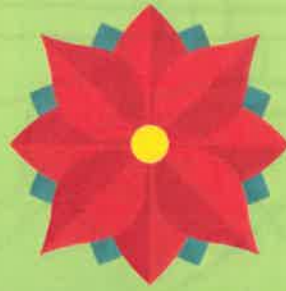
arr. Alice Jordan

A Place for Your Notes



Sermon Notes:

TIME TO ORDER



POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one (or just for yourself!) to be placed in the church sanctuary, please pick up an order form out at the Welcome Desk and submit it in an envelope along with your payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate. You may write a check payable to Milwood UMC, or include cash. Poinsettias can be picked up following the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

It's not too late to

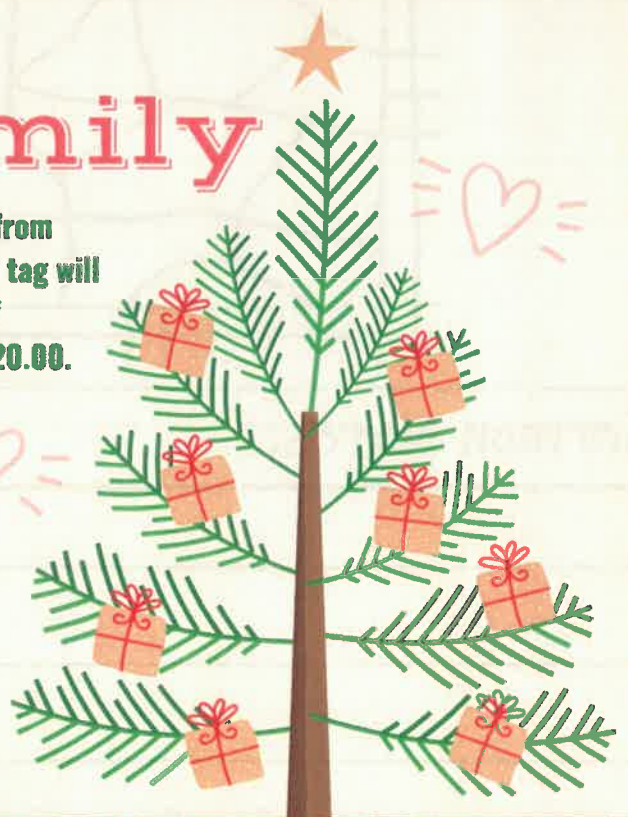
Adopt-a-Family

If you have not yet gotten a chance to take a tag from the tree outside the office, a few yet remain! Each tag will have a gift for you to buy, either a book, article of clothing, or a toy. All suggested gifts are under \$20.00.

- 1) Take a tag from the Christmas tree.
- 2) Buy the gift on the back of the tag.
- 3) Return the wrapped gift by December 12th with the tag on it.

May this warm your heart this Holiday season!

Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE

Living Nativity



Friday, December 17th, 7-9pm
Saturday, December 18th, 7-9pm

The Living Nativity Returns!

On Friday, December 17, & Saturday, December 18 the Living Nativity and Scheumann Farm petting zoo will be open to the public from 7-9 pm each evening. Would you love to volunteer for the celebration? Do you know a young person who needs volunteer hours? We are looking for help!

- * parking lot attendants
- * greeting & organizing groups to see the Nativity
- * greeting & monitoring visitors at the petting zoo
- * providing hot drinks & snacks for volunteers during warming breaks in the lobby
- * setting up the grounds prior to Dec 17th
- * cleaning up after Dec 18th

Sign up at the Welcome Desk outside the sanctuary during the weeks ahead,
or call Georgia Dalton at 269-365-7472.

Thank you so much for joining in our Advent celebration!



ADVENT EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, Dec 12th

Delight your heart with this special service,
singing classic carols & hearing

Living Nativity

Friday, Dec 17th & Saturday, Dec 18th

Imagine what it was like that first Christmas
for Mary, Joseph, the shepards and the animals

Sweater Sunday

Sunday, Dec 19th

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater
to worship on Sunday morning!

Community Caroling

TBA

Carol in the neighborhood before
warming up with hot cocoa & cookies

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 7pm

Candle-light Service

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