

Order of Worship
December 25, 2022 – Christmas Sunday

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby,
keeping watch over their flocks by night.

***An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.***

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

***Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord.***

***This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby
wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”***

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared
with the angel, praising God and saying,

***“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”***

Hymn *Joy to the World* #246

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ After the magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Gloria Patri – #70

Nicene Creed – #880

Offering & Doxology – #95

Sermon Pastor Paul

**“Fear Not!” Advent Preaching Series:
Fear and Fulfillment**

*... Joseph was afraid to go there ...
So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets:
“He will be called a Nazarene.”
Matthew 2:22-23*

Hymn

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

#251

December 25, 2022

Christmas Sunday

Benediction

The Work of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman

Next Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day

One Combined Service at Poplar Valley at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 8

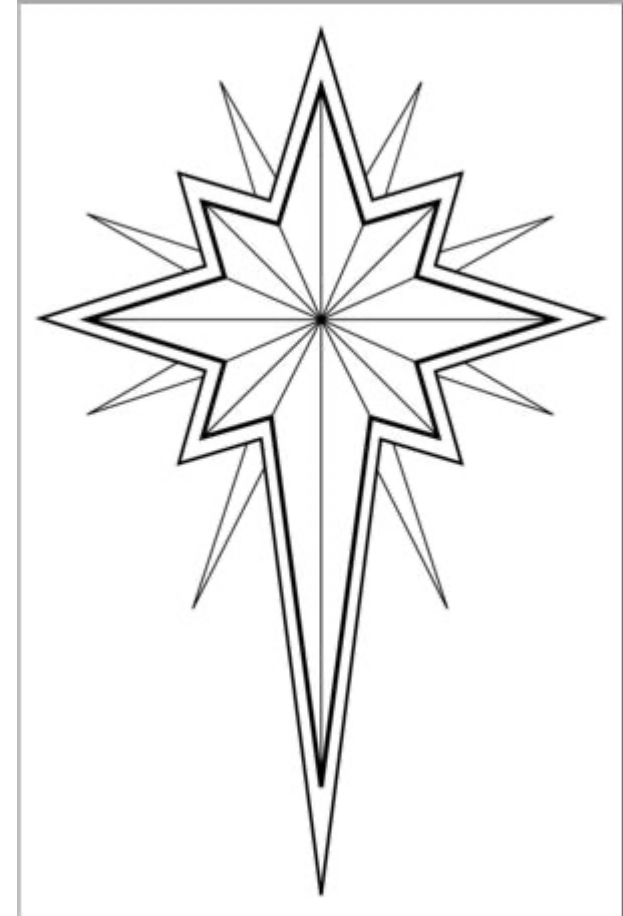
9:00 a.m. at Poplar Valley & 10:30 a.m. at Cherry Valley

New Year's Holy Communion

Wesley's Covenant Prayer

Consecration of 2022 Leadership

Monthly Food Collection



Pastor Paul & Janet will be away on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 7.
Ralph Chubbuck will be the guest preacher on Sunday, January 1.
Pastoral emergencies during this time can be referred to:

- * Pastor Jeff Weber, Readers UMC
- * Pastor Dottie Stem, Analomink UMC
- * Pastor Zim Khan, Faith UMC

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