

SERVING

Question? Emergency? The hospitality host for today: Sharon LeBuda

Choir Rehearsal immediately following worship and fellowship.

Our **Lifetree Café** episode airs at 6:30 p.m. **Topic: “The Spirit of Santa. The legend, the love, the lowdown”.**

This Week

Monday: Choir Rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.

Hospitality: Sharon LeBuda

Greeter/Usher: Sharon and Volunteer

Thursday: Christmas Day Community Dinner Noon—2:00

Church is asked to supply desserts.

Next Sunday, December 29

**Join in with Bob and Peg Faulman as they celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss.
Sarah is bringing a cake for all to enjoy!**

Greeter/Ushers: Bob Goodenough and Volunteer

Coffee Hour: Sharon LeBuda, Gene & Barbara Hancock and Sarah

**Reminder: If you cannot fulfill the above roles remember to find a replacement.*

*This month's **designated mission** is JOY Offering*

Office Hours

The office will be closed the week of Christmas.

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. To reach the secretary or to schedule an appointment with Pastor Beth please call 231-582-7983.



Make the Nations Prove

December 22, 2019

11 a.m.

Welcome! We are blessed to have you worship with us today!

The ushers will facilitate large print bulletins and a wireless induction loop is installed in the sanctuary to aid the hearing impaired. A nursery is available for your convenience on the right as you leave the sanctuary. Place completed Connection Cards in the plate during the offering. May God richly bless you as you worship.
**Please stand, if able, and remain standing*

DRAWN IN TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S JOY

Welcome and Announcements

Pre-Service Music

Threshold Moment:	<i>“Heaven and Nature Sing”</i>	Screen
	Sing a new song to the Lord	
	Lift your hearts with gratitude	
	Sing a new song to the Lord	
	Lift your hearts with gratitude and Joy,	
	Peaceful Joy	
	Your steadfast love and faithfulness	
	Is ever present in our lives	
	Your steadfast love and faithfulness	
	Is ever present in our lives with Joy	
	Peaceful joy	

The Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer: Holy God, we wait again the arrival of Your son, the Prince of Peace. We long for the peaceful waters of joy that run deep and wide underneath all of life. When we feel the chaos of life bearing down on us, help us to remember that it doesn’t have to be this way. Help us to step into a slower rhythm that is your Peaceful Joy. **Let truth and grace rule our hearts this day. Let truth and grace rule in our church this day. Let truth and grace rule the world this day ... in the name of Peace. Amen.**

DRAWN TOGETHER TO EXPRESS GOD’S JOY

Sharing the Joy of Christ

Leader: You are invited to pass the peace by saying,
“May you have peaceful joy” to the people around you.

*Hymn	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	Screen/GTG#88
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“Offering	<i>“Worship Christ the Newborn King”</i>	Larson
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Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Transformative Joy

How can we take a deep breath and, like Joseph, open to discover what may be an unexpected gift in the midst of a difficult situation?

What will help us choose peace and serenity instead of joining chaos when we encounter it?

How are we contributing to chaos instead of the reign of truth and grace?

THE JOY OF THE WORD SHARED

Scripture	Isaiah 7:13-15 and Matthew 1:18-25
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The Word in Music	<i>“Breath of Heaven”</i>	Eaton, Grant, Larson
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Sermon	<i>“Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy”</i>
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*Hymn	<i>“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”</i>	Screen/TWC #140
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DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD’S JOY

Benediction

And so, my friends, may you be blessed with a Peaceful Joy that rings deep in your soul so that whatever life brings, you will have prepared room in your heart for the birth of new ways of looking at the world, being in the world, bringing hope to the world.

And may you sing along with all heaven and earth!

*Hymn	<i>“Joy To the World”</i>	Screen
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