

Anthion Community Methodist Church

New Year's Eve Sunday

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

December 31, 2023 10:00 PM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH# 224

Call to Worship Liturgist: Roger Hladik

L: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

P: We shout the good news of God's mighty love!

L: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

P: The Universe that God created sings its praise!

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

Reader's Theater **Goodbye 2023**

Children's Story Rhonda Beeson

Hymn of Preparation "We Three Kings" UMH #254

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 Shirley

Today's Message "We are a Giving People" Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95,**

Prayer of Dedication

All: God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts, the work of our hands, our hearts and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world today and always. AMEN!

Closing Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Roger Hladik

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Tylene Zevenbergen, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Ronica Mitchell, and Sympathy to the Family of Tye Petersen. Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January 3 & 4: Funeral Visitation for Tye Petersen will be held Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 with a prayer service at 7:00. Funeral Services will be Thursday January 4th at 10:30am.

January 7: Sunday Morning classes begin again.

January 8: Finance and Ad Board Meeting 7:00pm.

January 10: Women of Faith Meeting 10:00am.

February 11: Super Bowl Sunday is coming on Sunday, February 11. We will have our annual Souper Bowl event. Plan now to bring a crockpot of soup and vote for your favorite.

Missions: Our present mission will be gathering Blankets, food, paper products for the Warming Shelter, Gospel Mission and other programs in the area who needs help this winter. If you know of a needy program, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

Jan. Readers: Jan. 7-Sue Wilson, Jan. 14-Jake Mitchell, Jan. 21-JoLynne Reimert, Jan. 28-Tim Hoy, Feb. 4-Autum Hansen.

Jan. Children's Story: Jan. 7-Andrea Mitchell, Jan. 14-Roger Hladik, Jan. 21-Shirley Nelson, Jan. 28-Kathy Hodgdon, Feb. 4-Rhonda Beeson.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Zane Redenius (2), Darrell Hadley (4), Chelsea Redenius; Chauncey Wilson (6).

Jan/Feb. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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