



*The Season of*

# HOPE

Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Barrington United Methodist Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

### HYMN #245 (UMH)

*The First Noel*  
Vocal Ensemble

- (1) The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.
- (2) They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.
- (3) And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.
- (4) This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.
- (5) Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

### THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Lynn Grant

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>8</sup> For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully

give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.<sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

## **SERMON**

*“Frozen by Fear or Forward in Faith”*  
Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

## **ANTHEM**

*Sweet Singing in the Choir*  
(The Holly and Ivy, Angels We Have Heard, Ding! Dong!, Merrily on High)  
*Regenerare:create again* Choir - See end of bulletin for participants

## **INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING**

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

## CREDITS:

Ensemble--Seth Durbin, Jenna Hesseln, Patti Mangis

Michael Rees, Organist

Regenerare:create again Choir:

Sopranos--Suzanne Bible, Amy DeLamoreaux, Taylor Fox, Lynne McKiernan, Gail Rossow, Mary Ulery

Altos--Emily Johnson, Patti Mangis, Sydney Whitley, Pat Ziebart

Baritones-- Bill Bible, Doug Bible, Seth Durbin, Tom Fox, Michael Rees, Dennis Rossow, Jim Streed

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Sunday school is available during both worship services for children age 3 through grade 5

December's theme is "UnFrozen..Do you want to meet a Savior?" Our Bible verse is "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" —Psalm 118:24



Students, 6th through 12th grade, are invited today to:

9 a.m. Sunday School in the youth room

10:30 a.m. Worship together in the sanctuary

noon - Zoo Lights at Lincoln Park Zoo



### Heifer Living Gifts Market

Our annual Living Gifts Market supports Heifer International's efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Heifer helps farmers and communities mobilize and envision their futures, provides training so they can improve the quantity and quality of goods they produce, and technology to connect them to markets to increase their sales and incomes. Choose a free honor card to let your gift recipient know that their holiday gift is providing families access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Look for Linda McGill or a mission team member in the BUMC lobby to purchase your living gift and select a Christmas card to send to family and friends.

## Upcoming Opportunities

### **Sunday, December 17**

8 a.m. Prayer and Communion Service

9 a.m. Worship

9 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

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2 p.m. Comunidad Cristiana  
Worship at Trinity Center

### **Tuesday, December 19**

7 p.m. AA Meeting at Trinity  
Center

7 p.m. Handbell Choir  
Rehearsal

### **Friday, December 22**

7 p.m. Pack 43 at Trinity Center

### **Thursday, December 21**

10 a.m. Women of the Word

5 p.m. Longest Night Service at  
FUMC of West Dundee

7 p.m. AA Meeting at Trinity Center

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, December 23**

9:00 a.m. Practical Christianity for Men



# Longest Night Service

First UMC of West Dundee | *Thursday, December 21 at 5 p.m.*

318 West Main St., West Dundee, IL 60118

# Christmas Services

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

at First UMC of West Dundee

*Thursday, December 21 at 5 p.m.*

This is a quiet, reflective service. We acknowledge this time of year is not the happiest time for those who are grieving or struggling. This service makes space for those who need to have their pain, loneliness, or fear acknowledged and to find comfort and hope in the gathered community.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

*Christmas Eve Services*

**8 a.m.** Comunidad Cristiana at Trinity Center

**10 a.m.** Family Service in the sanctuary

**4 p.m.** Family Service with Crossroads Band in the sanctuary

**7 p.m.** Candlelight Service with Carols and Choir in the sanctuary

**11 p.m.** Candlelight Service with Communion and Carols  
in the sanctuary

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