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- I am a returning guest.
- I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- I am updating my contact information.
- I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- I would like to attend Starting Point.
- I would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister.

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

The service I usually attend is:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- Sunday 11:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

- Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
- Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
- Small Groups
- Worship Arts
 - Choirs Handbells Drama
- Baptism Membership
- Confirmation Wedding
- Starting Point
- Other _____

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospitality Team
- Ushers
- Youth Ministry Sunday School
- Children's Ministry Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers, Senior Minister
Rev. Alan R. Rudnick, Associate/Executive Minister
Rev. Cindy Mapstone, Associate/Family & Congregational Care Minister
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister
Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, Senior Minister Emeritus
Dr. Landrum H. Wooten, Associate Minister Emeritus

Staff

Abel Searor, Director of Worship Arts/Principal Organist
Gloria Trode, Director of Children's Music
Nicholas MacLane, Director of Creative Worship
Mary Chirello, Youth Director & Hospitality Coordinator
Mick Thorpe, Director of Building Services
Alyssa Eighmey, Office Manager
Peter Hawley, Communications Coordinator
Jane Hahn, Bookkeeper
Reinaldo Mercado, Building Staff
Liam McDonough, Building Staff
Jim Surdam, Building Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Connect with us!

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Helpful Links

Website: www.dewittchurch.org
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“A Song In Your Heart”

Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, December 22 & Sunday, December 23, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, December 22 & Sunday, December 23, 2018
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thoughts for Today

“When words fail, music speaks.” -Shakespeare

“Music is God’s little reminder that there is something else besides us in this universe; harmonic connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars.”
-Robin Williams

Prelude **“The First Noel”** arr. by Patrick Loomis

Announcements

Invitation to Worship and Greeting

*Opening Hymn **People Look East (#161)**

A Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent The Livermore Family (5:30)
The Turner Family (9:00)

Reader 1: O God, we light the fourth candle of Advent.
Reader 2: We hear Your angel Gabriel and witness the faith of Mary. Fill us with Your grace and love.

Reader 1: We recall times when we, too, have struggled but said yes to Your call. We give thanks for the times when God has filled us and our world with His love because we stepped out in faith.

Reader 2: Mary was a young, strong, and spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God’s voice and said yes. She would bear within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God’s beckoning to us as well. Let us join together in our Advent response.

People: Revealing God, visit us and fill us with Your loving Spirit. Bring Your good news to life within us. Give us courage to carry Your light of love into the injustices and shadows of this world. Amen

Advent Candle Sung Response **In the Bleak Midwinter (#196)**
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Prayers of the People

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.

Time of Song (See Insert) **"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"** by Stuart Townsend
"Here Is Love" by Charles Wesley

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-56 (GNT) (p. 1041-42)

Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, “You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord’s mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. How happy you are to believe that the Lord’s message to you will come true!” Mary said, “My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honor him. He has stretched out his mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants forever!” Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth and then went back home.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message **“The Christmas Walk: A Song In Your Heart”** Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn **Angels, from the Realms of Glory (#189)**

*Blessing

Postlude **“The Holly and the Ivy”** arr. by Joseph Martin

Worship Assistant: Bruce Paulsen/Kim Buchanan

Cello: Allie Butler **Vocalist:** Caryn Marr

*Please stand as you are able

Offerings from today’s service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Visit give.dewittchurch.org on your mobile phone or other internet connected device to donate.

Serve at the Samaritan Center
Sunday, January 6

We need 4 volunteers to arrive at 10:30 for prep work. The other volunteers who arrive at 12:15 should plan on being there until about 3:00PM. Sign up online at dewittchurch.org/Samaritan. If you are interested in volunteering for our next trip to the Samaritan Center, please email Craig Mabbett at cmabbett88@gmail.com, or call 315.436.0429. If you need transportation from the church to the Samaritan Center and back, car pool arrangements can be made for you.

Gab & Gather Women’s Fellowship
January 13, 12-1:30 PM in Miller Commons

This is your chance to relax and get to know that lady in the next pew, or more ladies from another worship service. You might learn more about a church outreach program or an upcoming Bible Study. You might be enlightened by listening to someone from another generation. And for sure, you will enjoy! If you need childcare, kindly give us one week’s notice. And I’m happy to answer any questions (or sign you up as an occasional volunteer)! Please contact **Petie Rein** at petie7471@yahoo.com, or 315-637-0510.

For info on any event, or RSVP, fill out the form below and drop it in the Offering plate or internal mailbox

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