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- I am new to DCC.
- 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.

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### 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!

Office 315-445-0331  
Pastor on Call (24/7) 315-303-2308

### Helpful Links

**Website:** [www.dewittchurch.org](http://www.dewittchurch.org)  
**Facebook:** DeWitt Community Church



*"A Song In Your Heart"*

Luke 1:39-56

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

**11:00 AM**

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church

December 23, 2018 — 11:00 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

Invitation to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

**People Look East (#161)**

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, You give us a song to sing.

**People: A song that is not dependent on our circumstances.**

Leader: A song the goes with us wherever we go.

**People: A song that lives deep inside of us.**

Leader: A song for us to sing boldly and with great joy.

**People: We thank You, O Lord, for Your song that lives in our hearts.**

\*Unison Prayer:

**Lord, be with us this day as we remember Mary and hear of the amazing news that she received. May that Good News be a song in our hearts and a song that we share with the people You have placed in our lives. Help us to live with a sense of peace, joy and love that comes not from our circumstances, but from the song You place in our hearts. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen**

Greeting & Announcements

*If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center for a special gift.*

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent

The Hills Family

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.**

Baptism

Andrew Jay Carmichel  
Garrett Alexander Duda

Hymn of Prayer

**Of the Father’s Love Begotten (#181)**

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.**

Invitation To Give

*Visit [give.dewittchurch.org](http://give.dewittchurch.org) on your mobile phone or other internet connected device to donate.*

Offertory

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** arr. by Nic MacLane

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(#34)

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.**

Choir Anthem

**“There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob”** by Felix Mendelssohn

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

**Worship Assistant:** Rev. Cindy Mapstone/Rev. Alan Rudnick

\*Please stand as you are able

*If you haven't yet please turn in your Estimate of Giving card.  
The Church office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and open from 9 AM to Noon the remaining weekdays of December.*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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