

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Katie Waggoner, Pastor

Order of Worship

Sunday, December 19, 2021 | 4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

Invitation and Gathering

Opening Hymn:
#240 Hark the Herald Angels

Call to Worship

L: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

P: Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God's most gracious gift, God's Son, Jesus Christ.

L: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

P: May God's light shine on us, in us and through us that God's glory may be seen. AMEN.

Lighting the Advent Candles
Advent Hymn: #2090 The Advent Song verse #4

Children's Message:

The Lord's Prayer

Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing

(Please place connection cards in the offering plate)

Prayers of the People

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"
Congregational response: **"Hear our prayer."**

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response: #2095 Star Child

Proclamation and Response

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sermon: Incarnation: The Word Made Flesh

The Offering: *Doxology: Hymn #95

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Benediction:

God of Light and Hope, in whom there is no darkness, cause your light to shine on us and through us to others, that they may know of you and of your Love. Let us witness to your gift of Jesus who came and taught us how to live as children of Light. Go in peace, dear friends, and know that the God of light, hope, peace, and joy goes with you. **AMEN.**

**Please stand as you are able
Read in unison words printed in bolded type*

Announcements

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:

5pm Central Lake

7pm Alden

Christmas Eve Under the Stars:

8:30pm Alden - outside at the nativity

Bible Study will take place on Sundays after church. Today we will meet after the post church service chit chat.

Mission/Vision Statement

The mission of the Alden Community United Methodist Church is to CONNECT people to Christ, NURTURE them to spiritual maturity, and PREPARE them to go into the world to bear fruit and to set a Christian Example.

We will accomplish this by:

- Celebrating with heartfelt worship of God
- Pursuing individual Christ-centered growth
- Being a caring community for all
- Using our time, talents, and gifts for God's purpose
- Sharing the Word of God

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