

**CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2022**

**EAGLE GROVE AND GOLDFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup>**

It was the night when peace was born. Just as now the world was torn

**But all was calm and all was bright. The star above gave out its light.**

Dear people all around the world, let us unite.

**We will show how joy can change us, how joy can help us grow.**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**LITURGY OF LIGHTING**

**PRAYER**

Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but can also *be* joy, and *bring* joy, to all around us—in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

**Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

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**PROCLAIM**

**DISCOVERING THE LIGHT**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1,*

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*We will build our visual in the chancel each week.*

**SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 86:9-11; Luke 2:8-20

**WITNESS TO THE LIGHT**

Pastor Alaire

**RESPOND**

**TIME OF PRAYER**

Let us take a moment of silence, of calm, in order to center our hearts, let go of those things in our lives that we regret, asking God for the peace and joy of forgiveness. *Silence*

Know this, already your world is a little bit calmer and brighter having offered to God the bits of chaos clouding your life. Now the dark skies give way to beams of light illuminating your way. Move forward into God's future, forgiven and free. Let us pray together:

**God of Joy, during this season when the sun sets early, help us to focus on the light that shatters the darkness. Give us the eyes to see you move among us and to experience a joy that transcends our circumstances. Give us the ears to hear again the good news. Give us the mouth to shout affirmations of your love for all to hear. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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\*DOXOLOGY

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\*CLOSING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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BEING AGENTS OF JOY IN THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

Go with God into this day. May the Spirit guide your way.  
Offer joy to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

\*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD.

*Bind Us Together*

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POSTLUDE

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\*Let us stand in body or in spirit

<sup>1</sup>Liturgy today from Worship Design Studio

### COMING UP

**Wed, Dec 7, 9:30am** Goldfield women meet and put up their tree in the sanctuary.

**2-5pm**, Afterschool for K-4 and Middlers @ EGUMC

**5:15pm** – Confirmation

**Wed, Dec 14, 2-5pm**, Afterschool for K-4 and Middlers @ EGUMC

**5:15-6:15pm** – Family Night at EGUMC. Supper, carols, and a Christmas story.

**Sat, Dec 17, 7am** – Methodist Men meet @ Family Table. Invite a guest.

**Tue, Dec, 20, 6pm** – Longest Night Service at Eagle Grove. The UCC will join us; everyone is invited to come to this time for reflection and remembrance in this season.

**Christmas Eve worship with carols, candles and communion – 5pm at Goldfield, 7pm at Eagle Grove.**

There will NOT be worship in-house on Christmas Day. A service presented by our Iowa Conference Cabinet will be available online. The link will be sent to you, and posted on Facebook. Invite your family to join you at a convenient time.