



December 24, 2024

**Pre-service music** – Rhonda York

**Prelude** – Cindy White

**Welcome** – Pastor Dave York

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Call to Worship** - Isaiah 9; Luke 2 - Kathy McKinley

Leader: All people are welcome here tonight.

**People: We have gathered to hear the story of Jesus' birth.**

Leader: All who walk in darkness,

**People: come see a great light.**

Leader: All who hope to see God

**People: come see the glory of our savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Opening Hymn** –Come All Ye Faithful UMH 234 v. 1,2,3,6

**Opening Prayer** – Holy God, help us pause in the midst of our busyness. Quiet our minds on this Christmas Eve, that we may hear the good news of your gift of Jesus – your gift to a world so in need of peace, justice and joy. As you break into our lives as you did with Mary and shepherds so long ago, may you help us see the light of the world has come .

**Choir Anthem** - “Advent Hymn” by Wesley, Nockles and Martin

**Old Testament Reading** – Isaiah 9:2-6

**Special Music** – O Holy Night, Rhonda and Taylor York,

**Gospel Reading** – Luke 2:1-20

**Sermon** – Come, Let Us Adore Him

**Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer** - Holy God, you came to earth to live among us out of your great love for us. You came in a way that no one expected. When we looked for power and might, you came in weakness and vulnerability. May the gifts we offer into your service continue the work you began in the manger so many years ago.

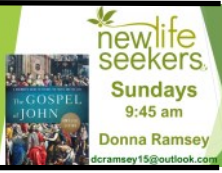


service at 8:30 am. Sunday School will be at 9:45 am.



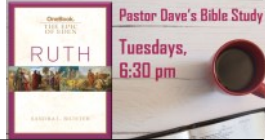
Pray for our youth as they go on a mission trip to Kansas City January 26-28. They'll be working at various charities in the city.

New Life Seekers Sunday School class is starting a Bible Study by Amy-Jill Levine on the Gospel of John. They meet in Room 203 at 9:45 am. For info contact Donna, [dcramsey15@outlook.com](mailto:dcramsey15@outlook.com).



The Women's Bible study is starting a study on the Gospel of John by Melissa Spoelstra. The same study meets Tuesday at 10 am OR Thursday at 6:30 pm. Contact Carol for info, [cshafer@lvnworth.com](mailto:cshafer@lvnworth.com).

Pastor Dave starts a week Bible study on Ruth on Jan. 14. It meets Tues. at 6:30 pm. Books are available in the office for \$15.



A new virtual Grief Share class is starting Jan. 6. This program is available for anyone in the US who is grieving. If you would like more information about this group or our other Grief Share groups, contact Marsha at [marshagaffin@gmail.com](mailto:marshagaffin@gmail.com).

Pastor Dave will begin a sermon series on the book of Ruth January 19. It's called "Uncommon Character in Troubled Times."



The NAACP presents an original play about the Sisters of Providence, who came to Leavenworth to run an African American orphanage. It's Jan. 19 at 4 pm at St. Mary's Xavier Hall. Tickets are \$25. They need ushers and desserts. To help, contact Sandy at [swood@fumclvks.org](mailto:swood@fumclvks.org).

Each Christmas, we take a special offering to help people in need. This year in addition to Samaritan's Buffet, we're giving to Global Hope. They have orphanages in Romania, Kenya and India. Please use the Christmas envelope or mark your check.



**DIGITAL OFFERING**

# Leavenworth Brass Choir

John Lefler, Director

- Adeste Fideles arr. Lovrien
- Greensleeves (What Child Is This) arr. James
- Do You Hear What I Hear Regney & Shayne arr. Holcombe
- The Huron Carol arr. Wainwright ('Twas in the Moon of Wintertime)
- Joy to the World Handel arr. Nestico
- A Catalonian Christmas Carol (El Noi de la Mare) arr. Marlatt
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn arr. Lovrien



**Trumpets** - Tyleen Caffrey, Frank Klimas, Calista McPherson, Katie Miller, Jake Nelson, Zach Sweet

**French Horn** - Linda Finch, Michael Fox, Charles Hooper, Joann Soderlund, Xavier West

**Trombone** - Aaron Brown, Lee Finch, Rob Gaslin, Jack Miller, Nathan Mack, John Pressler, Mark Soderlund

**Euphonium** - Anna Brown, David Holland, Karina Houseworth