

## Edgerton UMC – Make Christ Known

### First Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, January 1, 2017

9:00am Worship

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#### THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

*We have more than a baby Jesus at Christmas; we have a sovereign Christ. 'Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King.'*

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PRELUDE

*“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”  
Traditional Spiritual, setting John Carter  
Nancy Dickinson, Organist*

##### GATHERING WORDS

Amid the holiday rush, let us pause to reflect: not on a stable, or a star, or Christmas lights, or everything else for which we are thankful. Let us instead focus on days of holiness and righteousness, salvation and safety, deliverance and rescue; the dawn of a day when God’s tender mercy will triumph over oppression and death. Such are the days of Christ reign. They are surely coming! Let’s celebrate today!

##### OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, today we remember the day your Son came into the world to save us from our sins. Now we await his Second Coming to redeem the world for eternity. Open our hearts so that the joy of knowing the love of God through Christ Jesus over shadows everything else we experience. For it is in his name, we pray. Amen,

##### HYMN

*“Joy to the World”* UMH 246

##### CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us humbly confess our sins before the Lord.

##### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Imagining your reign can be difficult, eternal God. Our minds are held captive by the images of the season: a baby laying in a manger surrounded by a donkey, a cow, a sheep, shepherds, Magi, a young mother, a chosen father, angels and a shining star. These images make it difficult to picture a world governed by your justice and righteousness. And when we think of human kings, rulers, or those in power, we see images of abuse, war and persecution. We fail to see the Kingdom you have brought and you will bring. Free the

borders of our imagination. Let us see you as Christ the King, so that we may envision your greater good and celebrate the coming of your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON-** My friends, hear the prophecy of Zechariah: Tender mercy and forgiveness are the ways of the God. We are forgiven. Let the church say **AMEN**.

##### HYMN

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* UMH 140

##### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Colossians 1: 11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

##### SERMON

*“Baby Jesus(?) or Christ the King”* Pastor Barb

##### RESPONSE TO THE WORD *(See Insert)*

##### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Special Music* “Kling, Glockchen,” arr. Chip Davis  
**Doxology** Praise God from Whom...

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##### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(See Insert)*

##### HYMN

*“The First Noel”* UMH 245

##### BENEDICTION

L: Please pray with me:

**P: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;**

**May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;**

**May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls.**

L: May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

##### POSTLUDE

*Riu, Riu, Chiu, medieval Spanish carol, Eugene Butler*

*Please stay seated until the POSTLUDE is completed*

**REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE, WHOSE YOU ARE  
AND THAT CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!**

*God is Here!  
& All are Welcomed*

Our Mission:

“To Make Christ Known!”

Our church is to be a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, culture, tradition, family configuration, economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

*Coffee Fellowship*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall immediately after Worship. Fellowship Hall is located below the Sanctuary: go down the front steps – pass the elevator – make a left – Fellowship Hall is on your left – under the sanctuary.*

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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In Ministry

Pastor: Barbara Wells

Lay Leader: Mark Gausman

Organist (9:00): Nancy Dickinson

Music (10:30): Steven Zych – Guitar

Ed Hunt – Bass, Banjo, Guitar

Nancy Dickinson – Organ/Keyboard

Administrative Assistant: Daphne Marquardt

Coffee Hour Chair: Jo Peterson

Sanctuary Care: Margaret Tadder and Linda Young

Kids Club (Wednesday Nights) – Michelle Davis

Kids Church (9:00 AM) – Barb Gausman



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