

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker

Mary Ellen Harris, Liturgist

Thank you to Jamelle Godlewski for serving as our Guest Speaker this morning.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have recorded service online. To view it just click [Here](#).

**Prayer Requests** - If you have a prayer request you can tell our pastor or one of our members. You can also go to [www.stjohnsuccelkhart.com](http://www.stjohnsuccelkhart.com) and click on Church Prayer Requests and then click on Submit a prayer request.

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## Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ

THEREFORE, AS GOD'S  
*chosen people,*  
HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED,  
CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH  
*compassion, kindness*  
*humility, gentleness*  
*AND patience.*  
COLOSSIANS 3:12

**We are happy to welcome everyone  
attending St. John's United Church of  
Christ. May God Bless you with His  
abundant love.**

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*First Sunday after Christmas*

**December 31, 2023**

**10:15 am**

**PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance"**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**People: God is there.**

Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**People: God is there.**

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**People: God is there.**

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**People: God is there.**

Leader: This very morning,

**People: God is here.**

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

**People: God is there.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**Opening Hymn**

**"All Creatures of our God and King"**

**MORNING PRAYER** (In Unison)

**Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Thank You for guiding us. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**"I Love to Tell the Story"**

**SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 16-20**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**"The Example Set by the Shepherds"**

**Jamelle Godlewski**

**DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**"Doxology"**

**#625**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris**

**Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)**

**BENEDICTION**

**Look around you, dear people. God's joy is poured out for you so that you might be a blessing to others. God will continually walk and work with you, relieving your burdens and giving you strength. Go into God's world, rejoicing! AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**