



MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service

December 12, 2021

Angels Bending Near the Earth

Do you often like I do picture the scene and delight in the words of a favorite Christmas Carol, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear?"

"...From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold..." While standing on the porch looking at a star filled night sky, we hear a glorious song! The music floats and we see the angels, they are singing about peace and goodwill. Is it not what we have been praying for? We watch as they touch their harps of gold nearly to the earth of the garden and the field. We delight as the blessed angels keep coming from the cloven skies and unfurl their wings. The definition of "cloven" is divided. I picture so many angels coming that it appears the sky divides. There is a solemn stillness all around us. Even the cows in the pasture intently watch. Our beloved family dog, Rommel, sits up in awe! And then, my favorite verse, "And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way, With painful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing: O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing." We were feeling life's crushing load, but suddenly we rest. We rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing! When I get to heaven, and God restores me, I am sure I will be able to sing! To "carry a tune"! You see, I want to "give back the song which now the angels sing." That is the last line of the last verse. This Christmas season my prayer for you, the family of God, is that you too will take a rest and hear the angels sing!

-Donna Marshall

Worship Services

Sunday school begins at 9:00 a.m. with classes for children, youth, and adults. **Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.** Up-to-date COVID-19 safety information for in-person activities is available on our [website](#). While the Safety Committee continues to ask us to wear masks indoors at the church building at this time, the Safety Committee is monitoring the latest developments and hopes to make masks optional soon. **Sunday Worship can be viewed live online** on our [Facebook page](#). A Facebook account is not required to visit our page or view the service. Sermon audio is also available on our [website](#) or on CD by request.

What's that new song? Check out our church Worship Music [Playlist](#) to hear some of the new music before Sunday mornings.

Upcoming Events

The carol-filled children's Christmas Pageant is this Sunday, during the worship service. Arrive by 9 a.m. to get your costume and to rehearse together. The kids are also collecting for **Hope Now: Hope for the Holidays**. Bring gift cards to grocery stores or clothing stores for local families to church this Sunday. The kids still have \$2 **Christmas ornaments for the Heifer International offering**.

The choir is preparing a **Christmas cantata, "God is With Us," for the worship service on December 19.** We are excited to share the joy of Christmas in song!

Next Board Meeting is December 20, 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Eve worship service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24. Talk to Pastor Chris soon if you have music to share.

Additional Announcements

Poinsettias are donated in memory of:

Nancy Spaulding

Matt Schleich

Don & Elsie Schoenbeck

Michael James Dillner

Matthew Fletcher

Dillner Family Parents & Grandparents

It's not too late to donate and dedicate a poinsettia for the sanctuary!

2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall. If you are not currently using offering envelopes & would like envelopes for 2022, please let Peggy Watson know. Thank you!

Summer Camp Registration is open for [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#). Summer staff applications are also ready at [Covenant Harbor](#) and [Covenant Point](#).



This Sunday-12/12

Advent Candle Lighter/Reader:

Carole Stanczak & Ralph Williams

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Scripture Reader: Carole Stanczak

Greeter(s): Carole Stanczak

Sound/Video: Heather Anderson

Coffee Set-Up: Sharon Vande Sand

Treats: Dillners

Next Sunday-12/19

Advent Candle Lighter/Reader: Watsons

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Scripture Reader: Peggy Watson

Greeters: Needed

Sound/Video: Jan Baker

Coffee Set-Up: Carole Stanczak, Treats: Dillners

Tithes and Offerings can be placed in offering boxes on Sunday mornings or mailed to the church: N6713 County Rd. O, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, 53121.

Thank you for your generosity with your time and treasure!

Happy Birthday!

December 9.....Michaela Fletcher

December 10.....Davin McHane

December 11.....Alexis Guthrie

December 13..... Sheri Alexander, Gerald Chamberlain

December 15.....Megan FitzGerald, Adeline Berg

December 19.....Nathaniel Cahill

December 22.....LouAnn Getzen

Happy Anniversary!

December 21..... Jerry & Michelle Morgan

December 23..... Jim & Carol Dillner

Please let us know if we need to add or correct a birthday or anniversary.

Our pastors would like to talk with you:

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