

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
January 5, 2025~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Sing out your praises and say,

God has saved his people.

See how the Savior brings them from the end of the earth,

the blind and lame among them,

women with child

and women in labor, a great company.

Young men and old shall rejoice,

then shall the girl show her joy in the dance.

God turns their mourning into gladness,

and gives them joy to outdo their sorrow.

HYMN.....“Angels from the Realms of Glory”UMH #220

UNISON PRAYER

God, you are our beginning. Even before a word in on our tongue, You know it completely. So we praise you today And ask that your Spirit would fill our hearts. Free us from useless worry. Open us to loving compassion. Guide us in grace that nurtures life and joy, So our lives will honor and glorify you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM.....“Love Has Come”Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Gracious Lord, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to spread your truth and love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mary Stauffer

Psalm 91:11-12

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN.....“What Child Is This”UMH #219

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where

the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

MESSAGE..... "The Coming of Messiah"Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH #9-11

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN..... "The First Noel"UMH #245

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, family and friends of Gloria Rollag, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Blayke Klassen, Anna Born, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

Faith's Blessing Box – Just a reminder that we are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items and cash donations for Faith's Blessing Box (**please no glass jars, no expired items and, during winter months, no canned goods**).

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Wednesday, January 8. Stacy will be in the office on Monday and Thursday morning next week.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the narthex. If you do not have offering envelopes but would like some, please let Stacy know.

Please note that Pastor Dong will be out of the office January 7 through 13 attending a J-Term course at Emory University for his Doctorate of Ministry. Pastor Dong will also be out of the office on January 14 to attend an onboarding session at New City Church in Minneapolis.

We need volunteers to sign up to serve fellowship. Please consider signing up.

The next newsletter will be mailed out the end of January. There was not enough material to put together a January newsletter. January calendars with birthdays and helpers can be picked up in the narthex. If you come across something you feel would be good to include in the newsletter, please submit it to Stacy. The newsletter deadline is typically the third Monday of the month, but you can submit articles at any time. Material that is not date sensitive can be held for a future newsletter.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/05/2025 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship
01/06/2025 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (Gathering Room)
01/08/2025 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
01/12/2025 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

*****Out of Office this Week***

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