

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28th, 2021~9:30 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/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our promised salvation is at hand.

A righteous branch has sprung forth, bringing hope to our world.

Our eyes have beheld the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

A Son has been given to us, bringing justice and virtue to our land.

Our hearts have felt the stirrings of God's Presence.

The Spirit of truth is here to heal us, teaching transgressors God's ways.

Let us worship the God of our salvation.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today we light the candle of PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our peace.

From the prophet Isaiah:

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rest upon his shoulders’ and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

From the Gospel of John:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Let us Pray:

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen

HYMN....."Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"UMH #196

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Barb Klampe

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16.....Janet Welch

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in

the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalm 25:1-10.....Janet Welch

O you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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

Luke 21:25-36.....Pastor Carolyn

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great

glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."It Came upon the Midnight Clear".....UMH #218

BENEDICTION

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: Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Foxdale Memory Care: Elaine Westrum

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at faithwaseca@gmail.com by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167. **We also want to hear any joys you have so please email or call the church with any that you would like to share!**

**** Please stay home if you are sick. God will forgive you!**

Also, please stay home if you do not have symptoms but have tested positive for Covid in the last 14 days or are waiting for test results or someone in your household has tested positive.

When you do come to church or visit the church building, please remember to wear a mask at all times.

If you are unable to attend worship, you may view the service online via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website, wasecafaithumc.com. The service is also aired on the local PEG television channel at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Thursday 4:30 PM
Saturday 6:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/28/2021 (Sun.) First Sunday of Advent
9:30 am - Worship Service

11/29/2021 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

11/30/2021 (Tues.) 10:00 am - Newsletter Folding

12/02/2021 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

12/05/2021 (Sun.) Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 am - Worship Service with Communion

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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