

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27th, 2022~9:30 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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The Word was in the beginning with God. Through the Word, all things came into being.
The Word of God was a person, a flesh-and-bone human who lived and walked among us.
The Word is Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, Prince of Peace and Word Made Flesh.
Come together, children of God, and worship the one who dwelt among us.
Let us worship the Word through whom all things have life!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING.....Edy Barber

The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus. God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person feeling pain, joy, loss, and love. Today, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth. (*Light the first candle*).

ADVENT SONG....."Light the Advent Candle (Advent Song)".....TFWS #2090, vs. 1

UNISON PRAYER

Word of God made flesh, you came to us in Spirit as you hovered over the waters of creation. You came to us in bodily form in the very human person of your son, Jesus. Throughout history and time, we have never been truly alone. You abide with us in every tear we shed, every joy-filled laugh, and every deep breath of sleep. During

this Advent season, we remember you know our human needs, our hunger, our thirst, our need for connection, our exhaustion, and even our boredom. We have hope because our humanness no longer separates us from you, O God. Amen

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

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

ANTHEM....."O Come to Set Us Free"Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord
Let your kingdom come

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Word of God made flesh, you care about our earthly needs, physical resources, and tangible generosity. We give these offerings and gifts today as a physical response in worship. Our thoughts and prayers are vast and powerful, and we accompany them with this act of giving because you call us to love you with every part of ourselves. Bless these gifts to the glory of the Word of God. Amen

HYMN....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"UMH #211, vs. 1-2

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalms 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THANKS BE TO GOD

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

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, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

New Richland Care Center: Norma Buland

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Gloria Rollag, Kara Ecoff, Norma Buland, Tim Dahnert, Suzanne Saucier, Linda Griffin and family, 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

Mitten Tree - We are collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for the mitten tree which will be donated to the Neighborhood Service Center. All sizes are needed, from small for young children to large for older children.

Photo sessions will be held December 13 and 14 for our new photo directory. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the narthex. There are also instructions for signing up online. Online sign up is not open on weekends to allow for paper sign up at church on Sundays. If you have any questions or need help with scheduling, please contact Stacy at the church office.

We need your help! We need people to sign up to serve as host or hostess to greet people as they come in for their photo sessions. You can sign up in pairs or individually. We appreciate your assistance! You will just need to greet people and have them fill out a card with their names for the photographer. The sign-up sheet is with the photography session sign-up sheets.

Just a reminder: We are still collecting items for the "Soap Closet" for Minnesota Valley Action Council to provide hygiene products to those in need in our county. This is an ongoing project. Please consider donating hygiene items. The collection box and list of needed items is located in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/27/2022 (Sun.)	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
11/28/2022 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
11/29/2022(Tues.)	7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (*LV Room)
11/30/2022 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
12/01/2022 (Thur.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
12/04/2022 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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