

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 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

Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

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We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

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Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.
Amen.

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

UNISON PRAYER

Righteous God, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone, we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one—the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lay Reader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "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" (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

Lay Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

(Light the first candle of the Advent wreath)

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

ANTHEM....."O, Come to Set Us Free"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....."Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Gracious God, as we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. We confess that we often cling too tightly to our comforts and schedules, forgetting that your kingdom calls us to lift our eyes. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait for your future to break into our present. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mary Stauffer

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“Like a Child”TFWS #2092

MESSAGE.....“Trusting God’s Hidden Time”Rev. Dong Hun Shin

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..... “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”UMH #569

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:

Benedictine Owatonna: Les Wells

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, Bud Deno, family of Jim Larsen, Neil Fruechte, 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. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

Our annual Charge Conference was rescheduled due to weather. The Charge Conference will likely be scheduled sometime in January. Once we have a new date, it will be posted in the announcements.

We invite you to join us this advent season as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. On Sunday, December 21 Faith Choir will present the cantata, "Sing Christmas", during worship service. On Wednesday, December 24, we will have a Christmas Eve worship service at 4:00pm.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 at 1:00pm in the Hansel & Gretel room. If you are available to help, the folding group always welcomes extra helping hands.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

11/30/2025 (Sun.)	First Sunday of Advent 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
12/02/2025 (Tues.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)
12/03/2025 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room) 7:00pm – Confirmation Class (Church Office)
12/07/2025 (Sun.)	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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