

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 5th, 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

A messenger calls, "Prepare the way of the Holy One.

Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts." Blessed be the Holy One, who brings light into the deepest shadows.

A prophet proclaims, "Make way in the desert for the coming of God to live in our midst."

Blessed be the Holy One, who comes to live among us in peace.

Are you ready for the coming Day of God?

Let us worship the one who calls us into light.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today, we relight the candle of PEACE. Now we light the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

Let us pray:

Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen

HYMN....."Infant Holy, Infant Lowly".....UMH #229

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

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4.....Karen Ferch

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until

they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1:3:11.....Karen Ferch

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1-6.....Pastor Carolyn

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

COMMUNION

HYMN....."What Child Is This".....UMH #219

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: John Slattery, 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 note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office December 13 to 17, December 20 and December 29.

A BIG thank you to all that provided their time for making the pies for our American Legion Burger Fry. They were a great success!! As always, thanks to all for your continuing support of the Waseca Area Caregiver Service Organization!!

Kelly Boeddeker, MPH
Executive Director

**** 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...

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

12/06/2021 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

12/09/2021 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

12/12/2021 (Sun.) Third 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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