

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024~9:30 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 Lord has looked with favor on God's people.

Praise to the Lord!

A messenger of peace will be sent to us.

Thanks be to God!

The messenger will place peace in our hearts and our spirits.

Come, O Messenger of Peace, we stand in need of your presence. AMEN.

HYMN.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”UMH #384

UNISON PRAYER

Blessed is the Lord, and blessed are God’s people to whom God sends a savior, the messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Blessed is our God, and blessed are God’s gifts, that grace us with forgiveness and every good gift. Lord, you have come to dwell within us. Build your temple within our hearts. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lay Reader: Today we light two candles-the first candle is called HOPE, and it is a reminder that God's promises are true. The second Candle is called PEACE, God's gentle loving peace for our lives. We seek God's peace in this time of stress. Come, all is ready. Let the light of this these candles, called HOPE and PEACE, bring brightness to your spirits.

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

ANTHEM.....“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.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Les Wells

Malachi 3:1-4

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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

HYMN.....“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”UMH#196

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch 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 country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
 make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
 the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God’s salvation.”

MESSAGE.....“Prepare the Way of the Lord”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.....“Angels From the Realms of Glory”UMH #220

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

Foxdale Memory Care: Shirley Burdick

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, Doug Smith, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Blayke Klassen, Lucille Youngberg, 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**).

Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, December 10** at **11:30** at the **Tasty House**. Please note the change in time and location. If you are able, please let Roberta know if you are planning on attending.

The Leadership Team needs some new members to join beginning in January. We are looking for a Lay Leader and three members at large. One person could serve as both Lay Leader and a member at large. In addition to serving on the Leadership Team, the Lay Leader attends the Annual Conference each year, usually in late May or early June. Please consider joining. It is a great way to share your voice and ideas for the church as well as help oversee church business. The Leadership Team meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. If you are interested in serving on the team, please contact the church office or let a current Leadership Team member know.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, December 16. Stacy will also be out of the office December 23 through 27.

Dates and times to remember during this Advent season:

Sunday, December 22, Faith Choir will present the Cantata, The Glory of Christmas, during worship.

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm we will have our Christmas Eve worship service.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/08/2024 (Sun.)	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
12/09/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (Gathering Room)
12/10/2024 (Tues.)	11:30am – Ruth Circle (Tasty House)
12/11/2024 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
12/15/2024 (Sun.)	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30am – Worship Service 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 & Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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