

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10, 2023~9:30 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

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

For through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:17-18

HYMN....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"UMH #211, vs. 1, 2, 3

UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

RESPONSE....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"UMH #211 (Refrain Only)

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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, O Come Emanuel”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

SPECIAL MUSIC.....“God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”Faith Choir Men

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Father, John the Baptist reminded those long ago to prepare the way of the Lord. Today, we are reminded to prepare the way for your Son, Jesus Christ. Focus our minds and hearts with anticipation on this awesome gift of Jesus’ birth. We join in this act of giving as one way to humbly prepare for your coming. For it is Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

HYMN.....“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”UMH #216

SCRIPTURE READING.....Bob Hunter

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

THANKS BE TO GOD!

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

HYMN..... “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”UMH #204 (2 times)

MESSAGE....."Global Waiting"Pastor Jon Schultz

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Margaret Hasslen

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Deene Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, Margaret Hasslen, Sandy Barber, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please bring in your signed Christmas card to share with our church family and put it on the bulletin board by the front door.

Next Sunday, December 17, Faith Choir will present the cantata, "Simply Carols", during the worship service.

Christ Community Church will be hosting the Christmas Meal on December 25 at noon at 2200 4th St. NE. All senior citizens and those who will be alone on Christmas are invited. Sign up at Christ Community Church at 507-835-2235 or the Senior Center at 507-835-4552. Please sign up by December 18 and specify if you need the meal delivered (limit of 5 dinners per household for take out or delivery). There is no charge for the meal. Free will donations accepted.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30 am for lunch at the Tasty House. Please note the time change.

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 20 at 2:30 pm in the Lakeview Room.

We will celebrate Christmas Eve during our morning worship service at 9:30 am on Sunday, December 24. This is a departure from tradition but gives us a unique opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and others who will be getting ready to travel and may not have an opportunity to attend a Christmas Eve worship service later in the day. So let's get the word out to the community, Christmas Eve at Faith Church at 9:30 am. We will have some special music and yes, we will sing our closing hymn by candle light.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/10/2023 (Sun.)	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
12/11/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:00 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
12/12/2023 (Tues.)	11:30 am – Ruth Circle (Tasty House)
12/13/2023 (Wed.)	6:30 pm – Hansel & Gretel Christmas Program (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
12/17/2023 (Sun.)	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 am – Worship Service with Choir Cantata 10:30 am- Fellowship 2:00 pm – Barb Klampe Piano Recital (**FH)

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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