

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11th, 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

My soul magnifies the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
The Mighty One has done great things.
Holy is God's name!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING.....Les Wells

“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God's promise.

ADVENT SONG....."Light the Advent Candle (Advent Song)"TFWS #2090, vs. 3

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, your prophets have long spoken of the one who would come to save us. Now the promise is fulfilled; now your kingdom has come near. Send us a messenger of your way. To go and tell all the world of the wonders we have seen and the good news we have heard; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN....."There's a Song in the Air"UMH #249

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERING PRAYER

God of promises and joy, receive these gifts we return to you now. Bless this offering. That our gifts may be signs of joy and hope for others in need. Amen.

CHOIR CANTATA....."The World Sings Noel"See Insert

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, George Hagge 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

Photo Directory - Photo sessions will be held next week on December 13 and 14 for our new photo directory. If you have not signed up, please sign up today! Our directory will not be the same without you. It is also a great way to update your family photo.

Pictures will be taken in the Gathering Room downstairs so please use the lower entrance when arriving for your pictures.

All host/hostess positions have been filled. Thank you to those who signed up to help!

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.

In December, Sunday School will meet the first and third Sundays (December 4 and December 18).

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 13 at 11:30 am** at the Tasty House. **Please note the time change.**

Upcoming December Services:

On Wednesday, December 21 at 4:30 pm we will be having a Blue Christmas service. This service gives us all space to name the people or things we are missing this Christmas. Please join us and bring a friend.

On Saturday, December 24 at 4:30 pm we will have our Christmas Eve service.

On Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 am we will have a short Christmas service.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/11/2022 (Sun.)	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service with Choir Cantata 10:30 am - Fellowship
12/12/2022 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
12/13/2022 (Tues.)	11:30 am - Ruth Circle (Tasty House) 2:00 - 8:30 pm - Photo Sessions (**FH)
12/14/2022 (Wed.)	2:00 - 8:30 pm - Photo Sessions (**FH) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice
12/15/2022 (Thur.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
12/18/2022 (Sun.)	Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 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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