

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 19th, 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

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, their lives were forever changed.

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and Mary proclaimed faith in God, her Savior.

The children they carried in their wombs heralded expectation and hope for the world.

We are heirs of this expectation and hope.

We are heirs of this promise of God. Come! Let us worship.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent wreath. The candles of Peace, Hope, and Love. Now we light the 4th candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah, we read the words of our Lord:

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating: for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight”

From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people of the church at Galatia:

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.”

Let us pray

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen

HYMN....."O Little Town of Bethlehem"UMH #230

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

Let us pray:

Glorious God, source of every good gift, bless our tithes and offerings this day. May they light up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and bring strength and mercy to those in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

LITURGY.....Pastor Carolyn

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."Angels from the Realms of Glory".....UMH #220

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 Decemer 20 and December 29.

**** 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
Thursday 4:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM
Saturday 6:00 PM

Lucille Kubista will be celebrating her 101st birthday on December 30th! She would enjoy receiving cards. Cards can be mailed to:

Lucille Kubista
Latham Place
105 8th St. NW, Rm. # 205
Waseca, MN 56093

Birthday Party!!

Margaret Hasslen will be 100 years old on her birthday which is December 19th. There will be a party for Margaret that will be held on Sunday, December 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Grand Stay Motel in Waseca. Please come and wish her a happy birthday.

They are also having a card shower for her so please send her a birthday card at 1212 3rd St. NE Waseca, MN 56093.

Just a reminder - the fourth Sunday of the month is Pancake Sunday. Please bring pancake mix and/or syrup which will be donated to the food shelf.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/19/2021 (Sun.)	Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service
12/20/2021 (Mon.)	Newsletter Deadline 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
12/21/2021 (Tues.)	7:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service
12/23/2021 (Thur.)	10:30 am - Bible Study
12/24/2021 (Fri.)	4:30 pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service
12/25/2021 (Sat.)	Merry Christmas!
12/26/2021 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

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