

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

Christ is born!

**Alleluia!**

Jesus is among us!

**Alleluia!**

Shout with joy, give thanks and sing!

HYMN....."Go Tell It on the Mountain".....UMH #251

UNISON PRAYER

**On this day Gracious Lord, you come to us as Word, as light as flesh. Teach us to know you so well that our lives may befriend this world you have made, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and a holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN....."The First Noel".....UMH #245

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Hear Us Oh God,  
**Your mercy is great**

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

**These gifts, O God, are first from you. Signs of your bounty meant for all your children. We joyously give you thanks for all that we have and are and ask your blessing on our offerings. Turn our lives to your will as we receive and as we give, for the sake of your Son in whose name we pray. Amen**

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

**Hebrews 1:1-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,  
“He makes his angels winds  
and his servants flames of fire.”

But of the Son he says,  
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,  
“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;  
like a cloak you will roll them up,  
and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will never end.”

This the Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

**John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came

to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

MESSAGE

HYMN....."Joy to the World" .....UMH #246

BENEDICTION

**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, Wilda Smith, 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

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Current UMCOR response numbers

Help for Ukraine #982450

US Hurricane response #901670

Latest US disaster response and recovery #901670

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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.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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| 12/25/2022 (Sun.) | Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!<br>9:30 am - Worship Service                                |
| 12/26/2022 (Mon.) | <b><i>Administrative Assistant Out of the Office</i></b>                                     |
| 01/01/2023 (Sun.) | New Year's Day<br>9:30 am - Worship Service (Jon Schultz preaching)<br>10:30 am - Fellowship |

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\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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