

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2012 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.
"Faith by the lake - and beyond!"

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

GATHERING MUSIC

VISION STATEMENT We are a Christ-Centered Church committed to reaching all people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging all who respond to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

RALLY CRY "Faith by the Lake - and Beyond!"

WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

***PASSING THE PEACE**

INTROIT "Honor and Praise" ... Faith Choir ... TFWS No. 2018

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE (blue)

Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6) Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

ALL: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

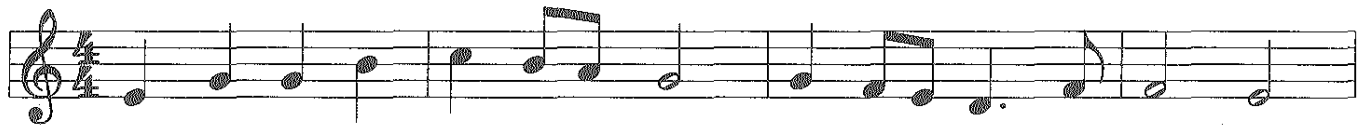
Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

HYMN "There's A Song" ... TFWS No. 2141

Sing Stanza 1 - Love

There's a Song

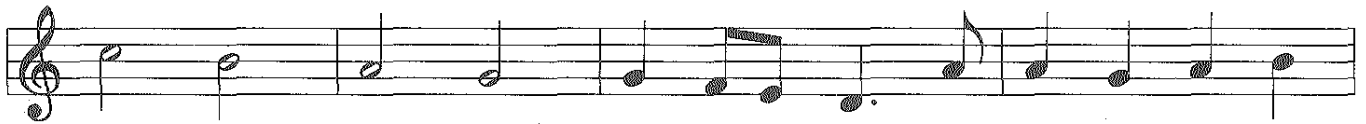
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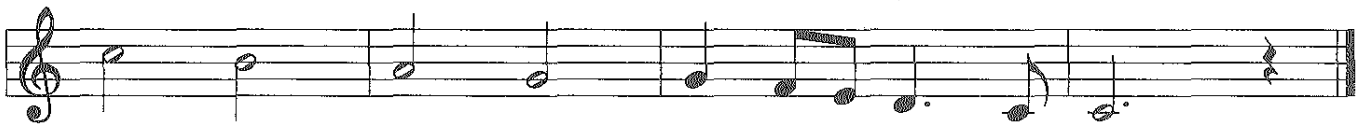
1. There's a song of *love in my heart; *love is a gift from Je - sus.



There's a song of *love in my heart; *love is a gift from God.



Al - le - lu - ia! *Love in my heart is sing - ing prais - es.



Al - le - lu - ia! *Love is a gift from God.

*2. Peace 3. Faith 4. Hope 5. Joy

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OPENING PRAYER (in unison) “Diary of Private Prayer” by John Ballie

ALL: Teach me, O God, So to use all the circumstances of my life to-day that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruit of sin. Let me use disappointment as the material for patience. Let me use success as material for thankfulness. Let me use danger as material for courage. Let me use praise as material for humility. Let me use pain as material for endurance. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 25: 1-10 (The Message)

Leader: My head is high, GOD, held high. I’m looking to you, GOD; no hangdog skulking for me.

ALL: I’ve thrown in my lot with you; you won’t embarrass me, will you? Or let my enemies get the best of me?

Leader: Don’t embarrass any of us who went out on a limb for you. It’s the traitors who should be humiliated.

ALL: Show me how you work, GOD; school me in your ways. Take me by the hand; lead me down the path of truth. You are my Savior, aren’t you?

Leader: Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, GOD; rebuild the ancient landmarks! Forget that I sowed wild oats; mark me with your sign of love. Plan only the best for me, GOD!

ALL: GOD is fair and just; He corrects the misdirected, sends them in the right direction. He gives the rejects his hand, and leads them step-by-step.

Leader: From now on every road you travel will take you to GOD follow the Covenant signs; read the charted directions.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Come, O Come Immanuel”... UMH No. 211

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Nicene Creed” ... UMH No. 880

HYMN OF INVITATION ...“Here is Bread, Here Is Wine”... TFWS No. 2266

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH pgs. 12-15

ANTHEM “Get Ready” ... Faith Choir

- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH** ... Children 4 through 9 years of age are invited to the Classroom for Children’s Church during the rest of our Service.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... Youth in Grades 3 through 6 are invited to the Youth Room (downstairs) during the rest of our Service.

***SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-9**

Leader: A shoot will grow out of Jesse’s root stock, a bud will sprout from his roots. The LORD’s spirit will rest on him— a spirit that gives extraordinary wisdom, a spirit that provides the ability to execute plans, a spirit that produces absolute loyalty to the LORD.

ALL: He will take delight in obeying the LORD. He will not judge by mere appearances, or make decisions on the basis of hearsay.

Leader: He will treat the poor fairly, and make right decisions for the downtrodden of the earth.

ALL: He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and order the wicked to be executed.

Leader: Justice will be like a belt around his waist, integrity will be like a belt around his hips.

ALL: A wolf will reside with a lamb, and a leopard will lie down with a young goat an ox and a young lion will graze together, as a small child leads them along.

Leader: A cow and a bear will graze together, their young will lie down together. A lion, like an ox, will eat straw.

All: A baby will play over the hole of a snake; over the nest of a serpent an infant will put his hand.

Leader: They will no longer injure or destroy on my entire royal mountain.
For there will be universal submission to the LORD's sovereignty, just
as the waters completely cover the sea.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN OF PRAISE“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”... UMH No. 196

PASTORAL PRAYER for our Church, Our Community and Our World

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison) UMH No. 895

MESSAGE “The Promised King”... Rev. Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *From: The Book of Worship, 1965, Alt.*

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you
all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with
our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows,
and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our
Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE ...“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”... UMH No. 216

SENDING FORTH *From: Sarum Liturgy, England, 13th Century, Alt.*

God be in your head, and in your understanding.

God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

God be in your mouth, and in your speaking.

God be in your heart, and in your thinking.

God be at your end, and at your departing.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY! - Join Margaret Dahnert and her family as they celebrate her birthday during Fellowship today with coffee and cake.

ADVENT CALENDARS – Families with children in K-6th grades have a calendar set aside in the Narthex, it is our gift to you this Advent season. **If you want to purchase a calendar, they are \$7.00**, please pay in the Office, or in the Offering. Thank You!

POINSETTIAS – Order forms are available in the Church Office, and were sent in the December newsletter. **Pay when you order; deadline is Monday, Dec. 10, 2012.**

- We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help water, set up the display in the Sanctuary and deliver plants to shut-ins after Christmas Eve. We are also looking for someone to help with Easter Lilies & Tulips. If we don't have volunteers, we may discontinue offering these plants.
- New in 2012 – this is NOT a tax-deductible donation because there is an exchange of goods.

IAN. NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR DEADLINE – Tues., Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA & YOUTH PROGRAM – Sun., Dec. 16 @ 9:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP – Tues., Dec. 25, @ 4:30 p.m.

** No Christmas Day worship service at Faith UMC.

PUPPETS! – We've found more puppets while cleaning some cupboards.

Stop in if you are interested in them. If no-one adopts them, we'll see if Hansel & Gretel want them, or donate them to the Neighborhood Service Center.

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht,
Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oak Lawn Care Center, Mankato: Gerri Peterson

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Jim & Marian Keller, Willie Mahler, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

12/2/2012 (Sun.) **Birthday Sunday – First Sunday in Advent**
9:15 a.m. – Hymn Sing!
9:30 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
 *** Children's Church & Sunday School*
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)

12/3/2012 (Mon.) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)

12/4/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina on Vacation)
4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends (Office)
1 p.m. – Membership Care Team (UR)
6:30 p.m. – Education Team (UR)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

12/5/2012 (Wed.)	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina) 3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video 7 p.m. – Choir Practice
12/6/2012 (Thurs.)	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
12/7/2012 (Fri.)	Church Office Closed
12/8/2012 (Sat.)	10 a.m. to Noon – Girl Scouts (Palmer, W. end of FH)
12/9/2012 (Sun.)	Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 to 9:15 p.m. – Blood Pressure Checks (UR) 9:30 a.m. – Worship <i>** Children’s Church meeting in Classroom (upstairs).</i> <i>** Sunday School meeting in Youth Room (downstairs).</i> 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)
12/10/2012 (Mon.)	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
12/11/2012 (Tues.)	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina) 3 p.m. – January Newsletter & Calendar Deadline 4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
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12/13/2012 (Thurs.)	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
12/14/2012 (Fri.)	Church Office Closed 6:30 p.m. – Set up for Food @ Faith (FH) 6:30 to 8 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Kilmer – Youth Room)
12/15/2012 (Sat.)	7 a.m. – Unload Truck 9 a.m. – Ticket Sales begin 10 a.m. – Distribution Begins 11:30 a.m. – Clean up Begins