

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 9, 2012 ~~ 2nd 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 "Like a Child" ... Faith Choir ... TFWS No. 2092

LIGHTING OF THE 2nd CANDLE PROCLAMATION (blue)

Leader: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. (*ESV John 1:6-8*)

ALL: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (*ESV John 1:14*)

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

Sing Stanza 2 - "Peace"

There's a Song

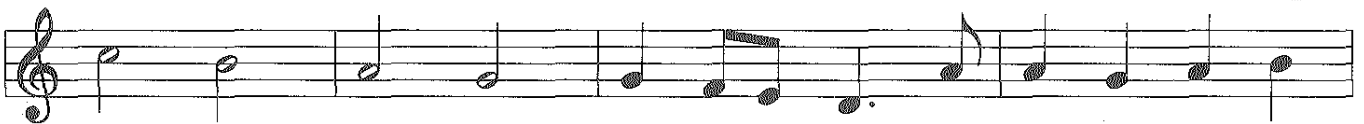
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1. There's a song of peace in my heart; peace is a gift from Je - sus.



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



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



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

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

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MUSIC: Handt Hanson

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OPENING PRAYER (in unison) *"Diary of Private Prayer"* by John Ballie

ALL: O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God, You govern all creation with your strong, yet tender care. Come, and show your people the way to salvation. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Malachi 3: 1-4

Leader: “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.

ALL: And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple;

Leader: and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,

ALL: behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Leader: But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

ALL: For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

Leader: He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,

ALL: and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

Leader: Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

***HYMN OF PRAISE “Prepare the Way” ... UMH No. 207 (twice)**

ANTHEM “To a Virgin Meek and Mild” ... 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 Luke 3: 2-17**

Leader: During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

ALL: And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

ALL: He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

Leader: Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

ALL: Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Leader: And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

ALL: Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

Leader: And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”

ALL: Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?”

Leader: And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

ALL: As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,

Leader: John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

ALL: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Leader: His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN OF PRAISE “Star Child”... TFWS No. 2095

PASTORAL PRAYER for our Church, Our Community and Our World

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

MESSAGE “Thunder in the Desert”... Rev. Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE “Lamb of God”... TFWS No. 2113

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

BREAKFAST AT THE LODGE – Come have breakfast at the Historic Masonic Lodge (831 – 3rd Ave. NE, Waseca) **TODAY from 8 a.m. to Noon**. Menu: French Toast, Sausages, Juice and Coffee. Adults: \$6.00, Children 3-12: \$3.00 and children 2 and under are free. Sponsored by: Hope Chapter OES #34 and Tuscan Lodge #77.

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Friday, December 21, 2012 from 8 a.m. to Noon at Christian Assembly (900 – 14th Ave. SE, Waseca). Bring photo i.d. or blood donor card.

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

** No Christmas Day worship service at Faith UMC.

CONVERSATION, BIBLE & FRIENDS BOOK AVAILABLE – New Upper Room Disciplines 2013 are available in the Church Office. Please pay Tina - \$14.00 to cover cost of book and shipping.

DID YOU RECEIVE A SURVEY FROM THE HCI TEAM? – If you did, and have not yet turned it in, **please do so by Noon on Monday.** These surveys will be mailed Monday afternoon. After the results are compiled, a consultant will come and meet with our Healthy Church Initiative (HCI) Team. Are you interested in learning more? Ask Pastor Victor, Barb Frield, Roger or Berts Walker, or Sherry Scholljegerdes for more information!

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, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

- 12/9/2012 (Sun.) **Second Sunday in Advent**
9:00 to 9:15 p.m. – Blood Pressure Checks (UR)
9:30 a.m. – Worship
 ** *Children’s Church meeting in Classroom (upstairs).*
 ** *Sunday School meeting in Youth Room (downstairs).*
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)
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- 12/10/2012 (Mon.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
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- 12/11/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
3 p.m. – January Newsletter & Calendar Deadline
4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
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- 12/12/2012 (Wed.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video
7 p.m. – Choir Practice
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- 12/13/2012 (Thurs.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)
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- 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)
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- 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
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- 12/16/2012 (Sun.) **Third Sunday in Advent**
9:30 a.m. – Cantata & Christmas Program
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)
2 to 5:30 p.m. – Klampe Piano Recital (FH)
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- 12/17/2012 (Mon.) Newsletter mailed this week.
10 to 3 p.m. – Office Hours (Tina)

