

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, 2023~9:30 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You know what time it is,

How it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

The night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

And put on the armor of light.

HYMN....."Shine, Jesus, Shine"TFWS #2173

UNISON PRAYER

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

RESPONSE....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"UMH #211 (Refrain Only)

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday school at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

ANTHEM..... “O Come to Set us Free”Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

O God, may our use of money reflect the values we claim to champion. Receive these gifts as a sign of our commitment to serve you by loving each other and our neighbors. Amen.

HYMN..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”UMH #140

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in^[c] the hand of our iniquities.
But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

HYMN..... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"UMH #196

MESSAGE....."Is the Coffee On?"Pastor Jon Schultz

HOLY COMMUNION

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN....."Soon and Very Soon"UMH #706

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Margaret Hasslen

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Deene Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, Margaret Hasslen, Sandy Barber, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Community Church will be hosting the Christmas Meal on December 25 at noon at 2200 4th St. NE. All senior citizens and those who will be alone on Christmas are invited. Sign up at Christ Community Church at 507-835-2235 or the Senior Center at 507-835-4552. Please sign up by December 18 and specify if you need the meal delivered (limit of 5 dinners per household for take out or delivery). There is no charge for the meal. Free will donations accepted.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30 am for lunch at the Tasty House. Please note the time change.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/03/2023 (Sun.)	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
12/04/2023 (Mon.)	3:00-4:00 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
12/06/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
12/10/2023 (Sun.)	Second 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: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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