

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 28, 2025~9:30 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

Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

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With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

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As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

**We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN....."Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" .....UMH #240

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name. God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love. God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it. We are loved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM..... "Love Has Come" .....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

Gracious God, even when the world makes no room, even when fear seems stronger than hope, you are with us. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our willingness to make room for your kingdom among us. Use what we bring to heal what is broken, to protect the vulnerable, and to embody your saving love. In the name of Jesus, our Light in the shadows. Amen.

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people walking in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
    a light has dawned.  
You have enlarged the nation  
    and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
    when dividing the plunder.  
For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
    you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
    the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor.  
Every warrior's boot used in battle  
    and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
    will be fuel for the fire.  
For to us a child is born,  
    to us a son is given,  
    and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
    Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
    Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his government and peace  
    there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
    and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
    with justice and righteousness  
    from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

## **John 1:1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

HYMN..... “What Child Is This” .....UMH #219

MESSAGE..... “The Light of the World” .....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

### 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..... “Joy to the World” .....UMH #246

## 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:

**Benedictine Owatonna:** Les Wells

**Colony Court:** Margaret Dahnert

**Foxdale:** Sherry Scholljegerdes

**Lakeshore Inn:** Peggy Deno

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** The Baldini Family, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, Bud Deno, Roger Walker, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

2026 Offering envelopes will be available to pick up next week, January 4.

Please note next week Stacy will be in the office Monday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 31.

Please note that Pastor Dong will be out of the office the week of December 29.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for Tuesday, December 30 at 1:00 in the Hansel & Gretel Room. If you are available to help, the folding group always welcomes extra helping hands.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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12/28/2025 (Sun.)      9:30am – Worship Service  
                                 10:30am – Fellowship

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12/30/2025 (Tue.)      1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)

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01/01/2026 (Thurs.)    *Happy New Year!*

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01/04/2026 (Sun.)      Birthday Sunday  
                                 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion  
                                 10:30am - Fellowship

\*Lakeview Room    \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30am to 1:00pm

**Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:**

***\*\*Out of Office This Week***

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