**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Advent Two Dec. 2 & 5, 2021

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: When conflict seems never-ending, relationships rocky, when we want to deny and pretend, the Holy One invites us to make space for truth-telling that we may find Peace.

(Light candle of Peace)

***ALL: Where in the world do we find Peace these days?***

ADVENT VISUAL REFLECTION: Peace by RockPointe church

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Righteous one! Equitable one!

**P: Refining one! Delightful one!**

L: Blessed one! Redeeming one!

**P: One-of-flesh to save all flesh!**

***ALL: Emmanuel, One of Us – praise be your coming!***

\*HYMN: “Comfort, Comfort ye my people” R56/Projected

\*INVOCATION

**ALL: Come into our midst, O Holy One, Rider of the Clouds of Heaven, Surprising answer to heartfelt prayer. In whatever way you choose—
Come. Shake us up. Help us find you at work in our lives showing the way to make all things new. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

\*Response & Invitation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas A. Dorsey

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,**

**I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Malachi 3:1-4

WITNESS OF FAITH: Luke 1:68-79

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: John the Baptist called people to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of God’s reign. Let us, too, repent, that we may be ready for God who comes to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God, you have promised to make pathways straight so your people may walk in joyful safety. But in our arrogance, we create dangerous roads, secret ways based on privilege, which suit human standards, not yours.

**P: Forgive us.**

L: You promise a way of justice and equity so that all may dwell in peace. But the valley between rich and poor has become an impassible chasm: we punish the poor. We make them sicker. We make them hungrier.

**P: Forgive us.**

L: God, you rescued your children from the hands of their oppressors and called all of them to delight in your glory on the level path which leads home. But we oppress each other by claiming your law as the justifier that leads to salvation instead of faith in Jesus’ blood on the cross.

**P: Forgive us for these corruptions of your good Word. Come again! Make our hearts alive with your truth!**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Hear this gracious promise: I am confident that in Jesus, your sins are forgiven, and that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN AND EVERYONE

 “Intro to Advent” Projected

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostles Creed Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Give me your Peace” by Gateway Worship Projected

MEDITATION: “Love Overflow” Rev. Kevin Mundell

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering plates by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: Make way! Emmanuel is coming! Make clearings of charity! Make paths of justice! Forge roads of equity! May each one offer what they can for our imminent, Sovereign God!

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ALL: Covenantal God, we live into your promise to make our rough ways smooth with each gift we grind; with each talent we sand; with each act we polish. We have not smoothed our ways yet, hopeful One, but with your indefatigable guidance, we will yet, O God. We will yet. Amen.**

HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” vs. 1&2 R210/Projected

HOLY COMMUNION

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude

**THIS WEEK’S COMING EVENTS**

**Thurs. December 2 6:30pm Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion**

**Sun. December 5 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion**

**10:15am Christian Ed Classes – NO Adult Ed**

 **10:30am Drive Thru Communion under Carport**

**Mon. December 6 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Tues.**  **December 7 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. December 8 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Eleven**

**Thurs. December 9 6:30pm Worship Service in Sanctuary**

**Fri. December 10 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. December 12 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. December 15 5:15pm Confirmation Session Twelve**

**Thurs. December 16**  **6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary**

**Sun. December 19 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If any of your contact information changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** Our next Drive-Thru Communion will be happening on December 5th.

**LOOSE COIN UPDATE:** We are still using the loose coins in the offering plate for special projects. You can still give by specifying on the envelope that it is for Stewardship loose coin offering. Thanks to all for your continued support.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINES:** If you are interested in getting information placed in the bulletin, or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, these requests are needed by **Tuesday, 11am.** This deadline ensures our delivered bulletins are received before Thursday/Sunday Service!

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!**

We welcome all visitors and guests, and we are glad you can join us for our services.

**Large print bulletins and regular bulletins with copies of the hymn for those wanting a print form, are available in the vestibule and online, if you would like one mailed to you, please let us know. Weekly hymns are being printed and some are available in the vestibule by the bulletins.**

 Worship Services are Thursday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am.

Both services are live streamed, and a video recording is placed on our social media sites to view at any time. For those videos, please visit: www.oursavioursuccripon.com or “Our Saviours United Church of Christ” Facebook page & Youtube Channel

Either the Thursday or Sunday service will be broadcasted via radio at 11:00am on 1600AM WRPN

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  The office hours are: Mon-Friday. 9-Noon. If you need to get into the church at an unopen time, please call the church office and leave a message, or call a church council person.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**:

Attendance: Thursday 6:30 – *Online Thanksgiving Service* Sunday 9:00 - 61

Total Livestream Views: Thursday – 253 Sunday – 68

General Fund: $1549.50 Capital Improvements: $115.50 OCWM: $105

Thank you so much for your continued support of mailed in and online contributions.

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Rick Stracy

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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***Birthday Greetings to our Young at Heart (age 50+)***

***Douglas Schrader,*** *December 7,* ***Lea Salas,*** *December 8,* ***Jane Coats,*** *December 11,*

***Joel Hahn,*** *December 11,* ***Jean Schuster,*** *December 11*

**ALTAR & ORGAN FLOWERS; RADIO BROADCAST; BULLETIN SIGN-UP:** 2021 Sign-up is available on the stand outside of the office! This sign-up is for ALL SPONSORSHIPS! Altar flowers are $25 and Organ flowers are $16 each. Radio Broadcasts are $50 per sponsor & $25 per sponsor per bulletin. You can also send a letter with payment into the office or call the office to sign up. Please remember to send payment in for your signed-up slots.

**LIVE STREAMING:** If you are viewing the worship from one of our social media platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you’re worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:** Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367

**COMMUNITY MEAL HELP:** In Ripon, there are two free evening meals a month, the second Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church and the fourth Tuesday at First Congregation. We have been asked if we think we could host a community meal; either the first or third Tuesday of each month. At this point, it would be a sack lunch/meal that we would prepare beforehand in the kitchen and have ready to go. What we are looking for is to see if there would be enough volunteers to make this happen once a month. Please let Missions Committee, Rev.Mundell, or Conrad Winkelman know if you would be willing to help.

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of December, Peanut Butter, Canned Chili, Soup, and Condiments are the recommended item to be donated.

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE BOXES:** For Pledge Sheets and Time & Talent Sheets - Now available at the back of the sanctuary, and both entrances with bulletins. (Also available in the Church Office during office hours!)

**NEED A LIFT?:** Nurse Monica is working with Dot Abrahamson to find a good home to for a Chair-Lift at no expense to the individual needing it. If you know someone who could benefit from this, and has the ability to pick up the unit, please feel free to call Dot at 920-745-2027

**Today’s Bulletin: In Memory of Donald Miller, given by his Family**

**Today’s Radio: In Memory of Betty Miller, given by her Family**

**RED POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS:** Order forms for Red Poinsettias are available in the East Narthex and outside the office on the information table. Each Poinsettia is $12. Due to availability issues, we will need to have orders submitted by **December 3rd at NOON.**

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday December 23rd at 6:30pm** – Blue Christmas Service with First Congregational Church and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

**December 24th at 4:00pm and 10:30pm –** Christmas Eve Services with Communion and Candle lighting at each service.

**Sunday, December 26th** - Christmas Service at 9:00am.

**PILLS THAT INCREASE BLOOD PREASURE:** The following is a reminder to always read the information on and/or attached to medications prescribed by your provider and all the over- the- counter medication you use. This is especially important when taking blood pressure medications because taking them with many over-the-counter medications, herbal remedies and dietary supplements can actually increase your blood pressure or prevent your BP medication from working. In addition, other types of prescribed medications may also interfere with hypertensive medication such as certain antidepressants, oral steroids and immunosuppressants. To protect yourself always be sure to tell your doctor all the medications you are taking. Also try and use only one pharmacy if possible. If you are not able to utilize just one pharmacy, ensure that each pharmacy has a record of all the medications you are taking. If not, you run the risk of receiving a possible dangerous combination.

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus.** (PHILIPPIANS 4:7 ESV)

*Monica Gagnon, Parish RN, OSUCC, Ripon, WI*

*Cynthia E. Keen, AARP Bulletin, October 2021*

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, Audrey Cluppert’s Brother, Roy Gomoll, Emma Mace, Kent Schwanke, Hank Grams, 14 unspoken, and all others.