

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Advent One Year A

November 30, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

ADVENT VISUAL REFLECTION: Advent Story pt. 1

From the Skit Guys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

L: Today, we light the candle of Hope. We think of Hope as anticipation of something future, but in truth, Hope can be the incarnation of trust. We trust in our Wonderful Counselor - that when we seek guidance, we will find answers. We trust that when we are exhausted, our Emmanuel will send someone to carry our burdens for a while. We trust our Creator to renew our faith in community, in the goodness of others, and in the power of our empathy and action. We trust in our Beloved God, that, when everything around us seems too difficult, too broken, too devastating for us to put to rights on our own, Hope will appear, and we rush forward, arms open wide to receive grace. (First candle is lit)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: As the sun rises on this new season, we turn within and ask God to renew hope in each one of us.

P: For the sake of my relatives and friends, proclaim with joy, "Let us go to the house of our God and find hope within!"

L: Though the days are hard, and the news, grim, we turn to our siblings here asking them to trust God, as we have so many times in the past.

P: For the sake of my relatives and friends, we proclaim with joy, "Peace be within the walls of this house, that our hope might spread beyond!"

L: In our fears and our desperation, in our exhaustion and our pain, God wraps us in bands of hope, holding us together so we may continue the struggle for justice and peace.

P: For the sake of my relatives and friends, we proclaim with joy, "I will seek all that is good within the house of God, and I will carry it with me wherever I go!"

***HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

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***INVOCATION**

ALL: Emmanuel, we come here today to renew ourselves in the generosity of God's hope. We will climb the mountain hand in hand that we may learn

again of God's promise to be with us, both in the valley and on the peaks. Let us set down our despair and rest in the light of God until we are renewed!

*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Alleluia"

by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 2:1-5

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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

ALL: God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love. We admit, that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn now to you in repentance and openness to your Spirit.

Forgive us and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ and reveal your reign on earth. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God says: Remember these things, O Israel, for you are my servant; you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. I say to you in the name of Jesus the Christ, our sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44

A TIME OF LEARNING: "First Sunday of Advent"

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Will We Know Him"

With the Senior Choir

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: "An Advent Creed" by Lisa Frenz

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, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: "Hope is Alive" with Ellie Holcomb

Projected

MEDITATION: "Be Ready"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort, ye my people"

R56/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Hope is not only fuel that sustains our spirits. Hope lives within the tangible gifts we give each week to support the most vulnerable among us. In our generosity, we act on God's behalf, ensuring the needs of our community are met.

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: Beloved Creator, we offer these gifts to you in the spirit of Hope. We place our trust in you and in those who faithfully care for your people, that these gifts will be used to protect and uplift those who are in need. Help us to remember our role to act as agents of your grace every day. Amen.

*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



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

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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Julie Stellmacher Nov 27, Dennis Burk Dec 1, Mary Ann Waltenberry Dec 3

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 0	Total: 8
Sunday :	In-Person: 58	Livestream: 277	Total: 335

General Fund: \$2,883.00 OCWM: \$341.00 Capital Improvements: \$331.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio/Visual: Bob Meyer/Phil Wepner **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

IN OUR PRAYERS

OSUCC member, Jim Badtke, passed away at Markesan Resident Home on Sunday, November 23rd. Please pray for his family and friends as they grieve his loss.

Visitation for Jim will be held Saturday, November 29th, from 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm here at OSUCC. The memorial service will begin at 4:00 pm with Rev. Mundell officiating. Internment will take place on Monday, December 1st at 11:00 pm at Nepeuskun Cemetery, Town of Nepeuskun. A memorial is being established in his name.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATING

It's that time of the year again! On Friday, November 28th, at 9:00 AM we're planning a work party to bring down the Christmas trees, assemble them, fluff them, and get them all set up. If you can help, that would be greatly appreciated.

On Saturday, November 29th at 9:00 AM we're planning a decorating work party, and everyone is invited to help out. Rumor has it that donuts have been invited too! Maybe some coffee will show up since it heard that donuts were invited...hint, hint. Anyway, thank you to all who can help make our Christmas trees and church beautiful for the coming season!

THE ENCHANTED FOREST

Evangelism and Christian Ed Committees are working together to set up a tree as part of Ripon's Enchanted Forest, which runs from December 5th-7th at Horicon Bank. Our Sunday School children have made ornaments for the tree, so please come check it and the others out!

HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS

We are still supporting contributions to the Ripon Community Food Pantry's Holiday Meal Bag program for the Christmas meal if you are interested in helping! We'd like to be able to deliver a check to the pantry on December 23rd. Thank you!

MISSION BAKE SALE

Our Mission Bake sale is Sunday, December 14th, same as the Children's Pageant. The money raised goes to help fund the mission work done by the committee.

For those who do enjoy baking holiday treats, we'd truly appreciate it if you'd consider donating some for the bake sale. We have a signup sheet in the East Narthex by the door. We'd like to have all donations at the church by 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 13th so we can prepare them for the bake sale. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Sharri Dailey, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Bonnie Mundell, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, Joe Wrzinski, the family and friends of Jim Badtke as they grieve his loss, and 16 Unspoken.*

WWW REGISTRATIONS

Women's Wild Winter Weekend is Friday, February 20 through Sunday, February 22nd, with an option to go up Thursday, February 19th for an additional fee. Don't forget that OSUCC offers scholarships to all of our members, which covers the cost of this camp!

We highly recommend that you call 715-479-8255 to register, rather than online. The website will require immediate payment. Make sure to tell the Registrar that you are a member of OSUCC so that she includes you on the single invoice they send directly to us.

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



Suggested items for November are: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc. (used in emergency food bags); boxed cereals; protein bars; breakfast shakes; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, chili; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; stuffing mix; shelf stable milk; flour; brown and white sugar; mayonnaise; mustard; ketchup; salad dressing. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Nov 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Office and Church are closed.
Fri.	Nov 28	9:00 am - Christmas Tree Work Party
Sat.	Nov 29	9:00 am - Christmas Tree and Church Decorating Work Party 2:00 pm - Visitation for Jim Badtke - OSUCC 4:00 pm - Funeral for Jim Badtke - OSUCC
Sun.	Nov 30	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Dec 1	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Dec 2	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Our Saviour's UCC 6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Dec 4	9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Sr. Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service with Communion
Sun.	Dec 7	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed 6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
Mon.	Dec 8	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Dec 9	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Grace Lutheran 6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri.	Dec 12	9:00 am - Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Hy-Vee. Shifts available!
Sun.	Dec 14	9:00 am - Children's Pageant during worship service 10:00 am - Mission Committee's Holiday Bake Sale
Thur.	Dec 18	6:30 pm - Blue Christmas Worship Service



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