

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Advent Two Year A December 4 & 7, 2025

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*\* 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. 2 From the Skit Guys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Peace

L: Today we light the Candle of Peace. There is a hush in our hearts as we wait to feel the peace of God envelop us. We imagine it as delicate as a lily's petals opening, as a blanket pulled snug beneath our chin, as a breeze shaking the oak's branches on a sunny morning. We expect peace to come gently, but when has anything worthwhile come without pain? A baby cries in birth as the mother sweats and shakes. Imperfect compromises leave both sides vulnerable. A voice that rallies us to change is often silenced too soon. Striving for peace is no different. It is fierce, and loud, and it requires tenacity. Peace is complicated. Peace is a sip of water after the longest night. Peace is the flame within that we must keep lit for the sake of all. Peace is the hush, and it is the clatter. Peace is God's love, acted out loud.  
(Second candle is lit)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: At the start of every day, God shakes us awake to the possibility of reconciliation and joyful abundance.

**P: May our Great Redeemer, who judges all with righteousness, reward the tyrannized with justice.**

L: In every season, God tends to the child within us, bringing into harmony all distress and despair.

**P: May our Beloved Emmanuel defend the cause of the deprived, give deliverance to the abused, and overwhelm the will of their persecutors.**

L: Throughout all generations, God bestows upon the people a peace that is everlasting.

**P: May the Prince of Peace rain down blessed mercy upon the people, showering the earth with righteousness and peace.**

**\*HYMN:** "Come, Thou Long Expected" R79/Projected

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Almighty God, we seek relief from the unrest of our daily lives. You, who offer peace and justice in a single hand, are our redeemer. Allow us,***

***God, to unfold in your palm. With each breath, allow us to inhale the power of your sacred word, and exhale the turmoil within. Amen.***

**\*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 11:1-10**

**WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**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: Gentle God, it has been too long since your people have known peace. We turn away from the ugliness hidden behind closed doors, from the ravages of war, from the famine and genocide that stalk our siblings around the world. We’ve lost hope, lost our faith in the possibility of a small act’s power to change. We talk and talk, all the while forgetting that we are not just your mouthpiece, but your hands and feet. Remind us, Redeemer, how to show up for justice. Teach us how to transform this ragged hope into peace for all.***

**\*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 as we are comfortable.]**

**WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 15:4-13**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12**

**A TIME OF LEARNING: “Second Sunday of Advent”**

Projected

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Light of the World” by Lauren Daigle**

With the Scott Street Puppet Ministry

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostle’s Creed (old language)**

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: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

R76/Projected

MEDITATION: "Peace"

Rev. Mundell

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: Peace makes us generous. God's abundance pours through us to our neighbors, just as God's love showers us with blessing. As we give what we can, we know that our community is only as resilient as our most vulnerable neighbor.

### 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: Emmanuel, we bring these gifts before you to spread peace throughout our homes, our communities, and our world. On every street corner, beside rivers, lakes, oceans, at the top of your tallest mountains, and dwelling below the cliffs, your people are in need. Take these gifts to strengthen our church and bring relief to your beloved children. 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



**OUR SAVIOUR'S**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

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

*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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**Bob Lueck and Rick Stracy Dec 4, Noah Koller and Doug Schrader Dec 7, Lea Salas Dec 8**

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 0	Livestream: 0	Total: 0
Sunday :	In-Person: 45	Livestream: 246	Total: 291

General Fund: \$3,522.00                      OCWM: \$183.00                      Capital Improvements: \$298.00

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** John Kwiatkowske/Phil Wepner    **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten    **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**

Representatives from the LEGO Multiverse team that meets here at Our Saviour’s will be here at the beginning of our worship service accept a donation from the Evangelism Committee. The donation represents the proceeds from the committee’s brat fry this summer, so thank you to all who donated baked goods and bought brats, etc. the day of the event!

**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 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Horicon Bank.

Our Sunday School children have made ornaments for the tree, and they did a great job.

Please come check it (and the others) out in person!

**CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATING**

A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and helped get our church into its Christmas loveliness! It’s just beautiful and definitely adds to the enjoyment of the season!

## 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.*

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!

## MISSION BAKE SALE

Our Mission Bake sale is Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> so we can prepare them for the bake sale. Thank you!

## WWW REGISTRATIONS

Women's Wild Winter Weekend is Friday, February 20 through Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, with an option to go up Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 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 December 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. 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  
**6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting**
- Tues. Dec 9 **5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Grace Lutheran**  
6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Dec 11 9:00 am - Mind, Body, and Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Sr. Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
- Fri. Dec 12 9:00 am - Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Hy-Vee. Shifts available!
- Sun. Dec 14 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Children's Pageant  
10:00 am - Missions Committee Bake Sale  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Dec 15 **4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting and candle prep**  
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
- Tues. Dec 16 **5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal, Immanuel UM Church**  
6:00 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thur. Dec 18 **6:30 pm - Blue Christmas Worship Service**



### QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.

