

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Advent One Year C December 01, 2024

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*\* All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*  
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.  
Vocal Prelude "Oh Come, O Come Emmanuel" With the Senior Choir

ADVENT VISUAL REFLECTION: The Anticipation of Hope From The Skit Guys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

L: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**P: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.**

L: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign. (First candle is lit)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In the midst of night's shadows and anguish,

**P: We pray earnestly to experience your presence.**

L: As dawn slips into the horizon and relieves night of its reign,

**P: We pray earnestly to sense your presence.**

L: As daylight grows into noontime, filled with the glow of sun's light,

**P: We pray earnestly to know your presence.**

**\*HYMN: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" R86/Projected**

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Lover God, Creator of Our Hearts, through your Spirit, our love grows for our neighbors. Our hearts are drawn to your expanding light as we see through the faces of our neighbors. May the joy of your Divine Love spill into each corner of your Realm as we anticipate your love and light in this season of longer nights and bleak days. 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 25:1-10

### 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. Come, Lord Jesus!**

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:25-36

A TIME OF LEARNING: “First Sunday of Advent”  
With Purple Pete

Projected

\*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**

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Will We Know Him”, Besig/Price

With our Senior Choir

**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: “Comfort, Comfort, ye my people”

R56/Projected

MEDITATION: “Be On Guard”

Rev. Mundell

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

L: God continues to increase love in our hearts for our neighbors within our congregation, community, and world. Through our various gifts, we are able to strengthen our connections and grow with our God, Holy Crafter of Gifts.

**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: Joyous God, Originator of all Gifts, this day and always, we celebrate the gifts of our hands and hearts. We share our talents and time, knowing our energy builds the world with love. We share our treasures, knowing that all gifts we entrust to your Church will build your Realm. With joy, we devote our first fruits to loving you and your children. Amen.***

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

R210/Projected

**LITANY OF 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 EVENTS

|        |         |   |
|--------|---------|---|
| Thurs. | Nov. 28 | Happy Thanksgiving! No 6:30 worship service today.  |
| Fri.   | Nov. 29 | 9:00 am - Join us to put up the Christmas Trees. All are welcome and the help is much appreciated!  |
| Sat.   | Nov. 30 | 9:00 am - Decorating Day for the trees and the rest of the church! Again, all are welcome, and the help is very much appreciated!   |
| Sun.   | Dec. 1  | 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with communion - First Sunday of Advent<br>10:15 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily<br>10:15 am - Children's Pageant Practice<br>10:30 am - Adult Education |

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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|-------|--------|--|
| Mon.  | Dec. 2 | 6:15 pm - Puppets Perform at SSM Auxiliary/Maplecrest program  |
| Tues. | Dec. 3 | 5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC<br>6:30 pm - No Den Meeting for Pack 3735 Pack                      |
| Thur. | Dec. 5 | 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice<br>5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse<br>6:30 pm - "Christmas in the Air" concert and Reception |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|        |         |   |
|--------|---------|---|
| Sun.   | Dec. 8  | 10:15 am - Children's Pageant Practice, <b>deadline for Santa Club.</b>   |
| Fri.   | Dec. 13 | <b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Hy-Vee. Schedule is in East Narthex.</b>  |
| Sat.   | Dec. 14 | Holiday Bake Sale need to be at church for Missions to prep for sale  |
| Sun.   | Dec. 15 | 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Third Sunday of Advent and the <b>Sunday School Children's Pageant</b> |
|        |         | 10:00 am - Holiday Bake Sale  |
| Thurs. | Dec. 19 | 6:30 pm - <b>Blue Christmas Ecumenical Service</b>  |



## QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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





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

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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

*Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.*

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

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 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 also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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*Martin Tubbs Dec 2, Mary Ann Waltenberry Dec 3, Robert Lueck and Richard Stracy Dec 4*

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

|           |               |                 |            |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| Thursday: | In-Person: 2  | Livestream: 117 | Total: 119 |
| Sunday:   | In-Person: 71 | Livestream: 95  | Total: 176 |

General Fund: \$1,979.00                      OCWM: \$78.50                      Capital Improvements: \$88.50

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**Audio Operator:** Kelly Mundell                      **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**OSUCC CHRISTMAS TREES AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

It's that time of year again—time to get our lovely Christmas tree trio out of storage, set up, and fluffed up! This will be happening on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am we will be decorating the trees and the rest of the church.

This is obviously going to be a lot to get done, but it can be a fun and satisfying time as well if we all pitch in together and help when we can, doing what we can comfortably do to help. Many thanks for your support of our church in this way!

**REV. MUNDELL OUT OF TOWN**

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jeffrey Dodson will be filling in for Rev. Mundell, who will be out of town attending a Rotary event. Please contact a Council member if you have an emergency.

**HOLIDAY BAKE SALE ON DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Calling all who enjoy baking holiday goodies! The Mission Committee's Holiday Bake Sale will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the same Sunday as the Children's Pageant. Goodies can be anything from sweet breads to cakes, cookies, bars, pies, etc.—pretty much anything that makes a person's eyes get big and mouth hopeful for a bite!

There is a sign-up sheet in the East Narthex. If we could get the goodies all delivered to the church on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, that gives the Missions Committee time to plate and price everything for the next day. Thanks so much!

## **CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR CONCERT**

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm is the much anticipated "Christmas is in the Air" organ and piano concert featuring Jared Stellmacher and Terri Wilke! We're all so excited! The concert will be Livestreamed by Conrad Winkelman for those who are unable to attend in person.

There is a reception immediately following the concert and a free will offering to benefit the Ripon Santa Club will be available, but not required. We hope you can attend!

## **CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS!**

Grab a friend or two and sign up to ring for the Salvation Army! OSUCC is ringing all day on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 6 pm at Hy-Vee. Shifts are 1 hour long, and you can sign up for as many as you would like. There is a signup sheet in the East Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Amy Borgardt at 920-229-1694. Thank you for your support!



## **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:*** *Sandra Badtke, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, and 12 Unspoken*

Our sincere apologies to Sue Meyer, who mistakenly was left off the Prayer Chain Ministry list in the December Messenger. Additionally, Rev. Mundell reports that prayers have been answered in positive ways for a number of those who had been part of the 21 Unspoken, so we are now down to 12 Unspoken!

## **TRADED TREASURES FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL PROGRAM**

The Holiday Meal Program also will provide Christmas meals to families in our community, so we'll continue to accept monetary donations up until December 18<sup>th</sup> to help with that effort. Thank you so much!

## **MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION**

Suggested food items for *December* are:



All Purpose Flour, vanilla extract (imitation is ok), vegetable oil, cookie decorating sprinkles, frosting, sugar cookie mix, white sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, chocolate chips, walnuts, raisins, baking soda, salt, oatmeal, peanut butter. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!