

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 10:30am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

**Welcome visitors** — Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome**! We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you're new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children's time, "From a Child's Point of View," and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for preschool children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print** Hymnal.

Inside this bulletin is a an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Gathering Place before worship and in the Dining Room at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

### We Come Into God's PRESENCE

\* Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE Andrew Allen

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell (The Light of Christ enters our worship)

WELCOME GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Twyla Hein and Kim Cross

CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 211, vs 1,2,4

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS Seylar Family

ACT OF PRAISE Choir Kids

FROM A CHILD'S POINT of VIEW (Children's Lesson)

Pastor Jenny

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.

Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY PRESENTATION

Callie Seylar

# God Calls Us to PRAY

(The bulletin insert includes space to write your prayer requests, both joys and concerns.)

#### PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: Almighty God, we begin this Advent season remembering that You sent Your beloved Son to be born in order to redeem our sins. Guide us through this season with quiet, glad anticipation. Help us to pay attention to the poor and needy, and to the lonely among us. Give us a spirit of reflection, patience with each other, and hearts brimming with thanks. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

\* Epistle Lesson Galatians 6: 1-10

RESPONSE: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Bah! Humbug!" Pastor Jenny Seylar

### Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Grateful Heart" Christian Chaos

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Let Us Pray: Loving Lord, In this moment of worship and prayer we proclaim again Your purpose for the world: the sending of our Savior. And so we offer You our love and resources. In this moment of giving we hear Your call again, O Lord, and we offer You ourselves. Use us and all that we have to touch the world with the Christmas message: God is love. God is with us. So, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. Amen.

# We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

\* SONG OF SENDING "He is Exalted" No. 2070

(The Light of Christ goes before us into the world)

- \* BLESSING & SENDING
  - L: As the apostle Paul says in Philippians, "The Lord is near" and we are His witnesses.
  - P: A great Light has come into the world—Emmanuel, God with us.
  - L: We now depart with our faces set on the Son, so that our lives will serve as a reflection of God's light.
  - P: It is even in the midst of our darkness that our very lives may announce the advent of the Messiah. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE "Build Your Kingdom" Christian Chaos

Please join us in the dining room after worship for Fellowship Coffee. Everyone is welcome!

Jenny Seylar - Pastor Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator Don Griffith - Custodian Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director Sylvia Gould - Chancel Choir Accompanist Jess Goodenow-Little Friends Preschool Director Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Teacher

# **November 27 Sunday Servants**

Acolytes: Caden & Keaton Schultz Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny

Liturgist: Twyla Hein

Ushers: Bob & Glenda Holets, Barb & Bob

Rickard

Greeters: Kent & Carmen Hoffman

Nursery: Kris Clark

PowerPoint: Kelley Lieser run

Fellowship Coffee: Marvin & Kay Miller, Judy

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Advent Candle: Kim Cross & Twyla Hein

# **December 4 Sunday Servants**

Acolytes: Meredith Coppess & Alicia Walter

Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

Liturgist: Pastor Jenny

Ushers: Ted & Deanna Licht, Larry & Kathy

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Greeters: Dusty, Jen, Noah, & Lily Johnson

Nursery: Jen Johnson

PowerPoint: Brian Heil create; Ethan Seylar run Fellowship Coffee: Ken & Lorna Muller, Cheryl &

Steve Person

Advent Candle: Ted, Deanna, Steven Licht

# **PRAYERS**

**Hospitalized/Procedures**: Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro,sis-in-law)

Healing: Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Kathy Hein, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Jeff McKinney, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Cheryl Person, Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Alberta Wagaman, and others under care or treatment.

# **Prayers for those in Life Transitions:**

All those affected by flooding and those who are called to help Families of Stella Gardener, Waunita Wentzel, and all experiencing loss

Comstock family

Deb and Mike Eisele as they move to Minnesota Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration

Persons in employment limbo

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

**In Treatment:** Gary Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Linda (Kay Miller's sis)

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's broin-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul

November 20: General Fund \$2108.69; Apportionments \$10.00; GIG Books \$20.00; Marriage on Tap \$70.00; Shared Blessings \$7.00; Copper Kettle \$44.93; Mission Work Trip \$25.00; Thanksgiving Offerings \$170.00;

**GRAND TOTAL \$2,455.62** 

### This Week:

**SPRC** 

Sun. Nov 27: 7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship

Mon. Nov 28: 6:30 pm Chaos Tue. Nov 29: 1:00 pm GIG Wed. Nov 30: 8:00 am Holy Folders, 1:30 pm Bible Study, 6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00 pm Choir, 7:30

pm Leadership Council **Thu. Dec 1:** 10:00 am GIG, 6 pm

Sat. Dec 3: Cooking Class

Sun. Dec 4: 7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship, 3:00 pm Worship @ Cedar Manor