

December 11, 2016



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 pre-school 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

Christian Chaos

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

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Candle of Love

Scott and Karen Anderson Family

GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

* CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 234, vs1,2,4

ACT OF PRAISE

Choir Kids

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

Gail Fleming

(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.)

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 and Everlasting God, You sent Your messages through the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Forgive us for ignoring their pleas and give us the grace to make changes today that will impact us for eternity. We await the celebration of the nativity, the time when Love came to live upon the earth in the person of Jesus. Help us worship this day with an open heart, ready to receive the Christ-Child into our lives. We praise You, Lord, for sending Your Son to redeem our sins. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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.

PRAYER SONG

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

No. 229

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

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

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

OFFERTORY

Christian Chaos

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Let us Pray: **Almighty God, thank you for the surprising ways that you bring salvation. You faithfully keep Your covenant promises to Your people in the past as You do for us today. We express deep gratitude for Your unwavering help at unexpected times in our lives. Give each of us a humble heart to serve You willingly and joyfully. Use these offerings to assist people who struggle with doubt to know You better through the ministries of our church. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

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

* SONG OF SENDING

"What Child Is This"

No. 219

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

* BLESSING & SENDING

L: Go out from here living Christmas today as you carry one another's burdens.

P: We go, knowing that Christ calls the last to be first and the first to be last.

L: If we each do our part, the needs of all people will be met in miraculous ways,

P: And God's grace is enough for all!

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

Christian Chaos

Please join us in the dining room after worship for Fellowship Coffee.

Everyone is welcome!

Next Sunday: Children's Christmas Program during 10:30am Worship

Also next Sunday: KfC is at 2:30; Blue Christmas Worship is at 3:00pm; Caroling is at 5:00pm

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Worship at 4:30pm & 9:00pm

December 25 & January 1: No Sunday School; Worship at 10:30 am

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

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

Jenny Seylar - Pastor

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

December 11 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Noah Johnson & Jenae Walter
Children's Lesson: Gail Fleming
Liturgist: Kathy Houstman
Ushers: Ted & Deanna Licht, Larry & Kathy Houstman
Greeters: Rich & Kiaya Rickard-Urban
Nursery: Zoe Stonebraker
PowerPoint: Trina and Landan Hill
Fellowship Coffee: Rosalyn Hill & Gary Eichhorn,
Ron & Laura Hembry
Advent Candle: Scott & Karen Anderson Family

December 18 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Margaret O'Leary & Molly Chapman
Children's Lesson: Children's Christmas
Program
Liturgist: Children's Christmas Program
Ushers: Karen Strefling, Lary Glick, Bob Young
Greeters: Bob & Glenda Holets
Nursery: Steven Licht
PowerPoint: Zoe Stonebraker
Fellowship Coffee: All-church Potluck!
Advent Candle: Cole & Jess Goodenow Family

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), 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 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 bro-in-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

December 4: Sunday School 91, \$11.00; Worship 96; General fund \$5222.00; Apportionments \$125.00; GIG Books \$60.00; Food Pantry \$25.00; Shared Blessings \$145.00; Copper Kettle \$38.89; Christmas Offering \$200.00; Thanksgiving Offering \$5.00; Missions-Comm. Work Day \$15.00; After Sunday School Snack Snacks \$30.00 **GRAND TOTAL \$5865.89**

This Week:

Sun. Dec 11: 7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship, 2:30 pm Kids for Christ, 6:00 pm Dominoes

Mon. Dec 12: 6:30 pm Chaos

Tue. Dec 13: 1:00 pm GIG, 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 8196

Wed. Dec 14: 1:30pm Bible Study, 4:30pm Girl Scouts 4231, 6:00pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00pm Choir with Party following

Thu. Dec 15: 10:00 am GIG, 5:15 pm Girl Scouts 5302, 6:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Fri. Dec 16: Newsletter Deadline

Sun. Dec 18: 7:45a Prayer, 8:30a Choir Kids, 9:00a Sunday School, 10:30a Worship - Children's Christmas Program, 3:00pm Blue Christmas Worship, 5:00pm Caroling

children's
program



**Next Sunday
@ 10:30am
Invite Friends
and Family**