

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7, 2025~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recall the story of God's people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God's provision, God's prodding, and God's prophetic guidance.

We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.

We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN....."Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming".....UMH #216

UNISON PRAYER

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lay Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.

Lay Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

(Light the second candle of the Advent wreath)

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

ANTHEM.....“Lord’s a Coming, We’re Awaiting”.....Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY....."Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as signs that we long to live by your story. Use them and use us to bear fruit worthy of repentance: fruit of justice, compassion, and peace. In the wilderness of fear and want, may this offering clear a path for hope to be seen, known, and shared. In the name of the one who is coming and is already among us—Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“Jesus, Name Above All Names”TFWS #2071

MESSAGE.....“Make Us Instruments of Your Peace”Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH #9-11

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN..... “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”UMH #211, vs. 1-4

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Benedictine Owatonna: Les Wells

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Lori Schneidewind, Darla Dahnert, Nancy Tollefson, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Willaimson, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, Bud Deno, Neil Fruechte, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

Our annual Charge Conference was rescheduled due to weather. The Charge Conference will likely be scheduled sometime in January. Once we have a new date, it will be posted in the announcements.

We invite you to join us this advent season as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus. On Sunday, December 21 Faith Choir will present the cantata, "Sing Christmas", during worship service. On Wednesday, December 24, we will have a Christmas Eve worship service at 4:00pm.

Ruth circle will meet on Tuesday, December 9th. We will have our holiday gathering at the PIZZA RANCH at 1:30. Let Roberta know if you plan on attending. Telephone number is 507-461-3087.

It's always a fun gathering to start the holiday season. Hope to see you there. NOTE the time and location.

There will be a nominating committee meeting this Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00pm in the church office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/07/2025 (Sun.)	Second Sunday of Advent Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship
12/09/2025 (Tues.)	1:30pm – Ruth Circle (Pizza Ranch) 7:00pm – Nominating Committee Meeting (Church Office)
12/10/2025 (Wed.)	7:00pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
12/14/2025 (Sun.)	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am to 12:30pm

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