

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15th, 2019~9:30 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

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....“As Lately We Watched”Faith Choir

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: On this Third Sunday in Advent, we light the third candle known as the JOY/ SHEPHERDS Candle. ... The third candle, is traditionally Pink or Rose, and symbolizes Joy at the soon Advent of the Christ. It marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays of Advent that focus on Preparation and Hope, to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy. (Light two purple candles and the pink candle.)

All: 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:8-9

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”UMH No. 211, vs. 3

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

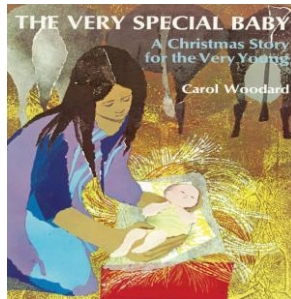
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Advent.....UMH No. 201

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”UMH No. 218

ANTHEM.....“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”Faith Choir

KIDS TIME



Read by Kyle Johnson



The Jessie Tree

Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas Tradition and first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David. ...

Week III From Moses to David

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

SCRIPTURE READING.....**John 10:1-13**

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."The First Noel"UMH No. 245

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."The Good Shepherd "Pastor Victor

OFFERTORY

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... "Give Thanks" TFWS No. 2036

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"UMH No. 236

*SENDING FORTH.....John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

EXIT MUSIC

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:

New Richland Care Center: Ardella Draheim

BridgeWater at Janesville: Joe & Gloria Tollefson

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Colony Court: Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum, Gordy Miller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Michael Schumacher, John Slattery, Marlys Faulkner, Raeleen Johnson, Homeless and at Risk Youth, Mike Dahnert, the Deno Family, the persecuted church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, December 16. During Christmas/New Year's weeks, Stacy will be **in** the office as follows: December 23 - 9:00 am to Noon, December 26 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, December 30 - 9:00 am to Noon, January 2 - 9:00 am to Noon.

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet Wednesday, December 18 at Lush Cakes at 11:00 am.

We would like the congregation to flood the altar area with poinsettias for Christmas week. Please bring them in any time between December 16 and December 21. The more we have, the more beautiful our sanctuary will be as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

You may leave the poinsettias in either the nursery or church office. The church should be open Monday through Thursday from 8:15 to 2:45 that week as Hansel & Gretel is in session. Stacy will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm the week of December 16.

The Christmas Community Meal will be served on Wednesday, December 25 at Noon at St. John Lutheran Church, 401 3rd Ave. NE, Waseca, MN. Please call the Waseca Senior Center at 835-4552 to register by noon Wednesday, December 18, or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board before December 18. Take outs and deliveries are available with a limit of 5 dinners per household.

Margaret Hasslen will be 98 years old on December 19. She would like to celebrate with cake on December 22 at Fellowship time. If anyone wants to bring a card on that date, they can do so.

Celebrating Advent

December 22 - "A night to Remember", Christmas Cantata, a celebration of the Christmas story as presented by Faith Choir.

December 24 - **4:30 pm** Christmas Eve Service. Telling the story of Christmas through word and music.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/15/2019 (Sun.) Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

12/16/2019 (Mon.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**
Newsletter Deadline
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

12/18/2019 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Hansel & Gretel Program (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Circle (Lush Cakes)
2:00 p.m. - Hansel & Gretel Program (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

12/19/2019 (Thur.) 10:00 a.m. - Hansel & Gretel Program (Sanctuary)

12/20/2019 (Fri.) **Church Office Closed**
3:00 p.m. - Set up for Food @ Faith

12/21/2019 (Sat.) Food @ Faith
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck and Set up
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Food Distribution
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. - Clean up

12/22/2019 (Sun.) Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Choir Cantata
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this week:
Tuesday through Thursday: 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.