



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

For those with prayer requests, please fill out a pink card in the pew and give it to an usher during the opening hymn.

Prelude	"Your Light Will Come"	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin
Welcome		
*Carol	"All Earth is Waiting"	Red book 210, verse 3
Lighting the Advent Candles		Lawson Finland & Amy Thornton
Music of the Season	"The Divine Expectation" <i>Mike Jipson, bass; Melanie Jipson, soprano; Dirk Wilken, bass; Karen Wilken, alto</i>	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin
*Call to Worship		
*Carol	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Red book 211, Verses 2-4
The Gospel of Jesus Christ	Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)	Kathy Sewell-Jensen
Music of the Season	"My Soul Rejoices" <i>Jana Otto, soprano</i>	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin
Music of the Season	"Mary, Did You Know?"	Grant Theesfeld, piano
A Time of Prayer (with Lord's Prayer)		
Music of the Season	"Longing For The Light" <i>Rev. Susan Bresser, soprano; Kurt Eisenmann, tenor</i>	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin
Ministry Moment		
Invitation		
Offertory	"A Procession of Hope"	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Carol	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	Red book 206
*Benediction		
*Sung Response	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Red book 211, verse 1
Postlude	"Would I Miss The Miracle" <i>(A time for reflection.)</i>	Chancel Choir Joseph Martin

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Luke 1:26-38.

Flowers donated by Barry and Cheryl Minor, with love and appreciation for the music ministry.

**Indicates standing if able.*

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By entering the sanctuary, all participants waive any claim related to the capture or transmission of their participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Living Faith Today** – Looks at current events through the lens of our faith and explores how what we believe relates to the world around us. Today we're discussing, **"We Have No Free Will, Says Neuroscientist Sapolsky"** after worship in Rm 216.
- **Secret Angel Gift Shop** – Thanks to all for your generous gift donations and all the volunteers who helped the shoppers and wrapped gifts. We had over 104 shoppers who averaged 4-5 gifts each. Our total proceeds were \$682.00. Thanks to "Mr. Otis", the elevator, for helping us get our supplies up and back down to the storage space and make our shop accessible for ACAP and other shoppers. Our proceeds this year will go to the campaign for the "Mr. Otis" restoration.
- **The Giving Tree** - Gifts need to be returned by today. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Advent Book** – *Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season* by Meta Herrick Carlson. This book is a beautiful collection of prayers and poems to help us recognize the holy beneath the hustle and hibernation of the season. Books are available on the table in the hall. (\$15 if it is not a hardship).
- **Get creative decorating placemats** with the Missions Team in the Asbury Room on Sundays in December! Community Projects for Seniors, a non-profit organization providing meals-on-wheels to low-income senior citizens in SE Wisconsin needs over 4,000 placemats for deliveries of Christmas meals. Contact Kristi Magoon, kristimagoon@prodigy.net.
- **Gracias! Merci! Dank! Asante! Mahalo!** To all our cookie bakers, purchasers and helpers—No matter how we say it, we just can't thank you enough for making this year's Annual Christmas Cookie Walk a success. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk will support missions. Once again, thank you and God Bless!
- **Waukesha Area Symphonic Band's Holiday Concert, Today**, 3pm, Shattuck Auditorium, Carroll University. Hear a wide variety of holiday favorites. Admission is free with a non-perishable food donation for the Waukesha Food Pantry.
- **Christmas Open House** at John Sheaffer and Tim Baack's Victorian home (the Victor Schlitz Mansion), Saturday, Dec. 30, 2-6pm. Come when you can; stay as long as you like. Feel free to invite others. The house is pretty cool by itself, but decked out for Christmas, it's amazing. We hope you can join us.
- **Epiphany star words** will be available January 7, for those who wish to begin the new year with an intentional focus. Over 300 different words are available (affirmation, blessing, obedience, service, etc.). Star words can be mailed to those who connect with us online.
- **Help de-decorate the Sanctuary** Jan. 7 after worship.
- **24th Annual Winter Weekend**, Jan. 12-14, 2024, Pine Lake UM Camp. There will be sledding, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking! Board and card games, skits, singing by the fire, and MORE. \$85/room (double occupancy) per night, \$15/extra person. We do our own cooking, \$12/person for the weekend. Sign-up is on the bulletin board. Contact Cindy Peterson, crexpeter@gmail.com.
- **2024 Intergenerational Mission Trip** – FUMC will be taking a mission team to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY, June 23-30, for anyone 12+ yrs old. See Pastor Amy if you are interested in joining the team.
- **We appreciate your ongoing financial support of FUMC's mission and ministry.** You can access our giving through the website or app. Scan the QR code on the right to be directed to our giving page!



Forming Faith Today

<u>Nursery</u>	<i>Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221</i>
<u>Sunday School</u>	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<u>Youth Group</u>	<i>Room 211</i>
<u>Confirmation</u>	<i>Christmas Celebration, Dining Room</i>
<u>Living Faith Today</u>	<i>Room 216</i>

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- **Sunday School Shepherds-** We are looking for volunteers to shepherd and mentor children and youth in our Forming Faith (Sunday school) program. If interested, please contact Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org).

- FUMC-Waukesha is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic candidate to fill the position of part-time **Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator**. This position is responsible for coordinating ministry opportunities with an emphasis on Christian education for all ages. For a description of job responsibilities and required qualifications, visit the church website or call the office. For interested candidates, send a completed application (download available on website) to the SPRC at gerhards615@yahoo.com or mail to the church office, Attn: SPRC, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha WI 53186.

- Circle of Sisters - Will not meet in December. The title for our spring book selection will be announced soon. We will resume our monthly gatherings January 22nd, at 7pm.
- Church & Society will sell **Fair Trade organic coffee and chocolate TODAY** immediately after worship in the Asbury Room. Please stop by to check out our inventory. We accept cash and checks to FUMC ("Fair Trade" in memo line).

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- **Advent Devotionals-** We have a variety of Advent Devotionals for your personal use this Advent season. First, is a book called Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season by Meta Herrick Carlson. This is a beautiful book of prayers and meditations for all the ordinary situations we face during the holiday season. We ask for a donation of \$15 for the book, if it is not a hardship.
 - We also have a devotional specifically for families called Naming Jesus. This is a free pamphlet to guide families with children through the season of Advent by learning about the different names of Jesus encountered in the Scriptures and what they mean to us.
 - Finally, for those who love nature and birds, we have The Dawn Chorus. This is a beautiful pamphlet for those who wish to incorporate more nature into your spiritual practice as we enter into the season of winter.
 - All of these are available on the table in the narthex. Please contact Pastor Amy if you have any questions.

Men's Breakfast *Dining Room*

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