

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER LENT & HOLY COMMUNION

12/02/2018 **10:00 am**

Good morning and a warm welcome to all, especially our regular and first time guests. We are happy you joined us in worship. Everyone, especially our first time worshipper, encouraged to please note their presence on the Yellow Forms found in the bulletin. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in any of the various opportunities for ministry, mission and Spiritual formation groups.

(* asterisk)-Please stand for acts of worship. You may “Rise up” in spirit if physically standing presents difficulties.

“Kindly refrain from visiting as a courtesy to other worshippers once the prelude has begun.”

GATHERING

CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star” **Nancy Cook, Organist**
“His Name is Wonderful” **Sanctuary Choir**

Welcome and Announcements **Pastor and Congregation**
(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

***Note: Please be informed that our worship service is being recorded and carried live on face book and our website**

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - The Voker’s Family

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Behold, the Angel of the Lord is among us;

P: The Spirit of our God is in our midst!

L: He brings Good News of hope;

P: The Good News that calm our fears and lower our levels of anxiety!

L: For the day of the Lord’s promise is at hand;

Unison: The day of the Lord has come; The mouth of LORD has spoken it!

(Isaiah 15:19)

***HYMN # 211** **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1, 3-4,7)**

LITANY: The Advent Proclamation – Leader and Congregation

APPROACHING THE LORD’S TABLE - (See insert) Pastor and Congregation

***POST COMMUNION: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version) See Insert**

PRAISE SONG **Praise Team**

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: **Isaiah 7:1-16**

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,

Cong: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **Nancy Cook, Director**

Gospel: **Luke 1:26-37**

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WITNESSING TO THE WORD

THEME: SIGNS OF THE “IMMANUEL”- how do you read it? Rev. Jakes Voker

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor**

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.

***CLOSING HYMN# 238 Angels We Have Heard On High (Stanzas 1-2)**

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE/ BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.

Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!

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Connie Boehm: Liturgist

Jeanne Whiteside: Media Coordinator

Dennis Clay: Pianist

Joy McClelland: Custodian

Nancy Cook: Choir Director

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD

Thoughts and prayers for Linda Tremelling for health and healing.

Prayers for Jacqueline States.

Prayers for Mr. L. Ash on life support in coma at hospital.

Prayers are needed for Randy Hempel, son-in-law of Peggy & Paul Nejedly dealing with serious health issues.

Hilda Ayers suffered a broken hip in a fall and needs our prayers.

Thoughts and prayers for health and healing for Nancy Drott who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Prayers for Favor and Blessing for Loretta and her children.

Prayers for Favor and Blessing with Financial Resources for Jonathan and Retha Blocher.

Thoughts and prayers for Laurie Lewis and family.

Prayers for Debra Bolle for guidance on a decision she needs to be make.

Thoughts and prayers for Bill and Laverne Fawcett for health and healing from surgery.

Prayers are with Rose Pettus who is having some health problems.

Prayers for Tammy Madden and her family.

Prayers for healing and good health for Pat Held's daughter.

United Methodist Women News

December Meeting

The UMW Christmas Luncheon will be December 13th.

There will be a change in the format of this meeting – a brief business meeting will be held in the Reep Room at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon. Reservations can be made by calling Lenore Creuziger or the church office by noon Tuesday December 11th.

Starting at 1 p.m. Patti Walker will lead a special program – come see what she has created this year!

Everyone is welcome to come for all or parts of this program.

SPECIAL NOTE: It's Thanksgiving time – so -- Thank You boxes should be turned in. They can be given to Liza in the church office or to Carol Feest.

LITANY: Advent Proclamation

Leader: The voices of God's servants proclaim; prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Make straight the paths for the arrival of Christ!

Leader: The Messiah is coming to all people to free us from slavery to sin and death, and to fill us with God's strength and blessing.

All: Christ is coming! God will make all things new!

Leader: The whole world waits for the coming of the Christ,

People: The God who comes to us.

Leader: In humble stables and proud palaces we wait,

People: for the God who comes with humility and power.

Leader: In fields and offices, stores and shops, homes and on mansions fields, we wait;

People: for the God who comes with guiding wisdom and gentle reproof.

Leader: In sickrooms, clinics and hospitals, street corners and slums, homeless shelters and group homes, we wait;

People: for the God who comes with healing and comfort.

Leader: We wait with confidence for our God is great in mercy and grace,

People: greater than the powers of darkness and destruction.

Leader: We wait for the God who knows us, loves us and cares about us;

People: each one is God's special, precious child.

Leader: We wait for our God of hope and promise,

People: and God comes, as a child in a manger.

Leader: Let us celebrate the presence of God with us.

All: Create in us new hearts and new spirits, merciful God.

(Pat Shipley)— Mike Mayton, UMVIM Mozambique 2008

Members of our church,

If you wish to contribute to this advent tradition, I will provide a gift wrapped box labeled for each week in December. Choose any day during that specific week to buy the food designated for that day, bring it to church, and I will deliver it to the pantry. This should add fun to our food gathering, provide food for the pantry, and allow us to count the days before Christmas. Thanks so much for supporting this mission. Which day of the month will supply the designated food?

Patti Walker

FUMC Pantry Food Coordinator



OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am - 48
Plate/Pledges	\$1160.27
UM Student Day	\$27.25
Thanksgiving	\$20.00

COMING THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, December 2

9:00 am – FFRANC

10:00 am – Morning Worship

5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service

Monday, December 3

6:30 pm – Casa de Dios Bible Study

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 8

Noon – Sack Lunch Program, Christ Church United Methodist, hosts

Announcements

First United Methodist Church Racine has partnered with Amazon Smile to allow those of us who choose to purchase items from Amazon to donate a percentage of the cost of the purchase price to our church. If you use Amazon, we hope that you will choose to designate First United Methodist Church as your charity of choice. The following link will allow you to designate First United Methodist Church. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0989786>. Please share this link with family and friends who would be willing to support our church through Amazon Smile.

APPROACHING THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation: Our Lord invites to his table all who love him, and are truly sorry for their sins.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.

Pastor: Let us now prepare our hearts for Christ's compassionate love to flow in us, so that through us the world might experience the transforming power of his redemptive work demonstrated on the cross for our sake.

Cong: Through repentance and humility, we open our hearts and offer ourselves to the transforming power of Christ's redeeming love.

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Cong: When we receive Christ's body, we are united with him in his mission. When we receive Christ's blood, we are assured of his forgiven grace that cleanses and sets us free from all guilt and are made right with our God and neighbors.

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The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

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the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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