

ADVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY

12/09/2018

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

Praise Team

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 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT CANDLE – The Guckenberger Family

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: The Day Foretold... Leader and Congregation

L: The day foretold is coming;

C: when our deafened ears will hear and our blurred sight will see more clearly.

L: The One foretold is coming....;

C: Whose cry will pierce the deepest gloom!

L: The Day is at hand, world, listen!

Unison: The Savior draws near! World, listen! Amen!

\*OPENING HYMN # 202

People, Look East

LITANY: “O World Listen” – Leader and Congregation

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor

PRAISE SONG

Praise Team

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURES

Old Testament:

Malachi 3:1-4

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

Cong: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem

“When a Child is Born”

Nancy Cook, Director

Gospel:

Luke 1:57-66

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

Cong: Thanks be to God!

The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version) See Insert

WITNESSING TO THE WORD

THEME: SIGNS OF THE “IMMANUEL”- MEET the “FORERUNNER” -  
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.

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Words of Invitation and & Worshipping with our Tithes /Offerings

Offertory                      “Gentle Child Jesus”                      Nancy Cook, Organist

**\*The Doxology # 95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication                      Unison**

**Holy God, through the “Forerunner,” you have promised us the coming “Emmanuel” to represent your Kingdom in which justice and mercy would reign, knowledge and understanding would increase, the poor and the weak would receive compassion, and not shame. You later sent Christ Jesus to give us the vision of this kind of Kingdom. We thank you for the continuous nudging of your Holy Spirit within to help us make way for your Kingdom’s work on earth. As we give our gifts this morning, may you dedicate them and us to help bring about a world where your love, mercy, and grace reign supreme. We pray this in the name that is above all others, Jesus the Christ-Child. Amen!**

**\*CLOSING HYMN # 706**

*Soon and Very Soon*

**\*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!**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**745 Main Street - Racine, Wisconsin 53403**

**(262) 633-7632 (Church) - (262) 497-4370 (Pastor's Cell Phone)**

**Email: [Racine1umc@tds.net](mailto:Racine1umc@tds.net) - Website: [www.1umcracine.org](http://www.1umcracine.org)**

**Pastor: Rev. Jakes Voker**

**Administrative Assistant: Liza Michna**

**Nancy Cook: Organist**

**Jeff Fernholz: Treasurer**

**Sue Mills: Parish Visitor**

**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**

*Prayers for Dan Atkinson he's in the hospital with brain lesions.*

Thoughts and prayers for Linda Tremelling for health and healing.

Prayers for Jacqueline States.

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

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 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**The LITANY: “O world listen!”**

L: O world, listen! Do not sleep.....;

**C: For the realm of God is near!**

L: Arise, and turn your eyes to the east;

**C: where the nations are gathering with shouts of joy!**

L: Singing new songs as at harvest-time;

**C: Swelling the air with gladness and praises!**

L: For the Lord of life has remembered them....;

**C: The God of heaven has blessed the earth, the habitation of all of creations!**

L: Their lamentations have become celebrations;

**C: Their death match has become a holy dance!**

L: At the sound of their joyful singing, the mountains are leveled;

**C: at the sound of their laughter, the valleys are filled!**

L: At the sound of their clapping, the crooked is made straight!

**C: at the sound of their trumpeting, the rough is made smooth;**

L: A voice is heard crying the wilderness:

**UNISON: prepare the way of LORD! O world, listen! Do not sleep! The realm of God is at hand! Amen!**

*(Litanies and other prayers for common Lectionary-Year C. Pp. 18-19: Everett Tilson & Phyllis Cole)*

## 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



**REVERSE  
ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

PASSIONATEPENNYPINCHER.COM

## OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am - 46
Plate/Pledges	\$1895.00
Missions	\$5.27
Thanksgiving	\$20.00
Santa's Breakfast	\$135.00

## COMING THIS WEEK

### Today, Sunday, December 9

9:00 am – Adult Bible Study

10:00 am – Morning Worship

5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service

### Monday, December 10

6:30 pm – Casa de Dios Bible Study

### Wednesday, December 12

Noon - Kiwanis

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 13

11:00 am – First UMW Luncheon

### Saturday, December 15

9:00 am – Controlling Community Violence

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.

**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,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

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

**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,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

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