

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Musician: Laurie Helmers

Director of Children, Youth, and Outreach: Kristin Gontea

Acolytes: Deztin & Mandy Mosher

Rev. Laura M. Nordstrom

**Please stand in body and spirit*

Gathering

Lighting of the Advent Candles+++

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Hymn** “All Earth Is Waiting to See the Promised One” [Toda la Tierra Espera al Salvador] (UMH 210)

Time of Centering+ (Isaiah 65, Luke 21)

What suffering are we facing in our lives? How do we respond to the turmoil and voice around us? When we are most anxious, most afraid, can we hold onto the promise of God's new heavens and new earth? Can we let ourselves imagine the grace that may yet come?

Message for the Children

Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (UMH 218; verses 1 & 4)

Prayer of Illumination+ (Psalm 19)

The Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

The Message

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering+

Offering

***Doxology** (UMH 95)

Prayer of Yearning+ (Luke 21, II Thessalonians 3)

Words of Assurance+ (Isaiah 65, Isaiah 12)

The Great Thanksgiving for the Season of Advent++++

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Benediction+ (Isaiah 65)

***Closing Hymn** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (UMH 220; verses 1 & 4)

Postlude

Going Forth!

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SUMC CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7: 9-10am Worship – Confirmation-Mentor Sunday; 10:15-11am Christmas Program Practice

Monday, December 8: 9am-noon Office Open – Pastor Laura/Kristin; 1-4pm Community Visits (P. Laura)

Wednesday, December 10: 2-5pm Office Hours (P. Laura); 6:30-8pm Youth Small Groups, Confirmation Class

Thursday, December 11: 8-10am Office Hours (P. Laura); 6-8pm Racine Food Shelf

Friday, December 12: All day – Sermon Prep (P. Laura); 6pm Creative Arts Ministry Holiday Recital

Saturday, December 13: All day – Sabbath/Family Time (P. Laura); 10am-3pm Holiday Craft Show

Sunday, December 14: 9-10am Worship – **Christmas Program**; **Annual Holiday Bake Sale**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, December 16: 6:30pm Leadership Council Meeting

SUMC NOTES

~Prayers~

Judy, Gib, Family of Kevin Ace, Jason, Larry, Danielle, Wrenly Olson, Stormy, Connor

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Welcome!

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