



Waterloo First United Methodist Church

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The Mission of Waterloo First United Methodist Church is to be a church of people who live as disciples of Jesus Christ by providing a place for spiritual growth in a caring, inviting community.

December 19, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

PRELUDE

“Noël” (Grand Jeu et Duo)

L. Daquin

WELCOME

Please pass the attendance folders

***GREETING (With One Another)**

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Ollie, Sally, & Darcie Thurman

Today we light four candles- the first Candle is called HOPE and it is a reminder that God's promises are true.

The second Candle is called PEACE, God's gentle loving peace for our lives.

The third Candle is called JOY, because of God's absolute presence in our lives.

The fourth Candle is called LOVE, because of God's great love for us.

All : Come, all is ready. Let the light of this these candles, called HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE, bring brightness to your spirits.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Vs. 1, 2 & 4 No. 220

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Being baptized today is Margaret June Loerzel; daughter of DJ & Sara Loerzel. Margaret is the granddaughter of Jeff & Debbie Foulk and Pam & Randy Raabe. The Sponsors are Scott & Laura Foulk and Amy & Andy Downey.

God Claims You

No. 2249

*Margaret June God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.
We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
Margaret June God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Little Baby You Are Gods Son”
“Christmas Is a Time for Singing”
Kids of the Kingdom
Lynn Klobberdanz, director*

BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Hojin Shin

Dear People of God: **In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the early remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:**

The Lord's Prayer

No. 895

The almighty God bless us with His grace; Christ gives us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

Bidding Prayer Taken from <https://worthilymagnify.com/>

FIRST LESSON

Lee Stonewall

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"We Are Here, God is Here"

Pepper Choplin

Emily Forssberg, director ~ Ginger Herndon, accompanist

SECOND LESSON

Kathy McFarland

Genesis 22: 15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

CAROL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verses 1, 4, & 7 No. 211

THIRD LESSON

Sue Carver

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

CAROL

"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"

No. 216

FOURTH LESSON

Jarred Crouch

Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9

The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

CAROL

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem"

Vs. 1 & 4 No. 230

FIFTH LESSON

Melissa Warren

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

GOLDEN BELLS

"Carol of the Bells"
Emily Forsberg, director

Mykola Leontoviych
Arr. Alex Guebert

SIXTH LESSON

Darcie Thurman

Luke 2: 1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

GOLDEN BELLS

"Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)"

Amy Grant & Chris Eaton
Arr. Sandra Eithun

SEVENTH LESSON

Esther Shin

Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Go Tell It Where I Send Thee”

Pepper Choplin

EIGHTH LESSON

Maia Forssberg

Matthew 2: 1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

GOLDEN BELL CHOIR

“The First Noel”

Arr. Michael Mazzatenta

NINTH LESSON

Jonah Crouch

John 1: 1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

**CHANCEL CHOIR
& CONGREGATION**

“Hope, Love, and Joy to the World”

Pepper Choplin

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Arranged by J. Ferguson

Sue Feltman, organist

*Please stand if you are able

THE TRUE LIGHT,
*which gives light
to everyone,*

WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD.

JOHN 1:9, ESV



Altar Interpretation

The angels have told of the coming of the baby Jesus.

We wait anxiously with music and song.

We celebrate the blessings of God who is with us.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love come as the light of the world.

We are happy you are with us today!!

*Please sign the **attendance registration** pad located in the pew racks.*

If you would like to use a **large print hymnal**,
or a **hearing assistance device** please ask an usher for one.

- * Our prayer chain is available to any who have needs or concerns. We will pray with you and for you. Fill out a prayer request form located in the pew or contact the church office at 235-7088. All prayer requests will be sent out by email.
- * Our Cry Room, Nursery, and a Rest Room are all located off the hallway in the back of the sanctuary.
- * The service is recorded each week and is available to anyone who requests it. If you know of someone who is unable to attend services and would like to receive a DVD or an audio CD, please contact the church office, 235-7088.
- * Today's service is being live streamed on Facebook.
- * Children's Bulletins are available in the sanctuary on a table by the door in the front. Children's packets are available in bags and the back of the sanctuary.

Ministers

Every Member

Director of Music

Emily Forssberg

Organist

Susan Feltman

Pianist

John Roberts, Ed. D.

Accompanist

Ginger Herndon

Administrative Assistant

Dawn Lowe

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