

# November 27, 2022

## First Sunday of Advent

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

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Warren, liturgist

*Please sign and pass the ritual of Friendship*

### GREETING (With One Another)

Rev. Hojin Shin

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

**PRELUDE** “We Gather Together” and “When Morning Gilds the Skies [LAUDES DOMINI]”

**THE LIGHTING of the ADVENT CANDLE** Melissa Warren, Steve Faga, & Joshua Faga

In the days to come, the Lord shall establish God’s house upon earth!

Watch! Wait! For God will do something special, something very unexpected.

Do not be hesitant. Place your trust in God’s promise.

Today we light this first candle, a special candle, lighted in darkness, shedding its meager light into our world.

Come, see the light. Let its brightness fill you.

Come, feel the warmth of the light. Let it give you comfort.

Come, draw near to the light, for it is God’s way of breaking through to you.

Come, rejoice in the light, for God is with us!

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let’s go together to God’s mountain—

**a mountain of God’s glory and peace.**

Let’s prepare for Christ’s arrival—

**the birth of the prince of peace.**

Come, let’s worship the Spirit of love.

**Clothed in Christ’s love, we are ready to worship and pray.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ’s birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.

### \*OPENING HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 211

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

No. 895

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24: 36-44

### SERMON

“Prepare for Jesus’ Coming!”

Rev. Hojin Shin

### OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

No. 94

### \*CLOSING HYMN

“We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations”

No. 569

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

John Roberts, Ed. D., pianist

\*Please stand if you are able

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

Director of Music

Organist

Pianist

Accompanist

Administrative Assistant

Media Specialist

Youth Leader

Every Member

Emily Forssberg

Susan Feltman

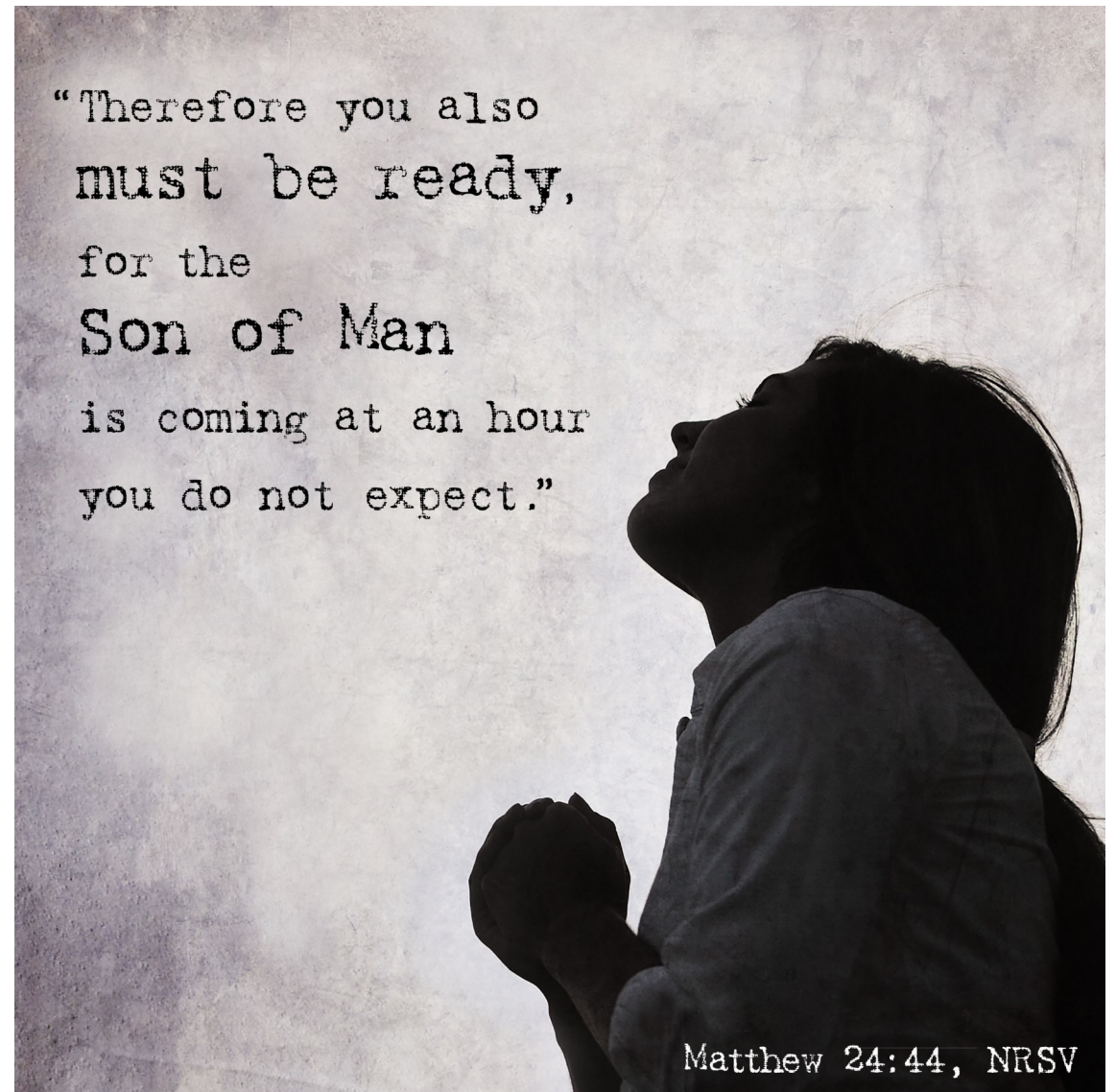
John Roberts, Ed. D.

Ginger Herndon

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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.*