

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Carols of Christmas

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

WELCOME

Please pass the ritual of Friendship

*GREETING (With One Another)

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

*ADVENT READING

Toni Brown & Leah Allen

Today, we light two 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.

We seek God's Peace in this time of stress.

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

*OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist, Toni Brown

We have prepared our homes and our gifts, Lord, but we need help preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your Peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

No. 196

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

No. 895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1: 20-21

Luke 2: 8-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Many Kings?”

Jason Germain & Marc Martel

Emily Forssberg

SERMON

“Incarnation 2. The Savior and Our Need for Saving”

Rev. Hojin Shin

HOLY COMMUNION

**Please pick up your communion elements when you enter the sanctuary.
Remember, this sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all people.**

*CLOSING HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Wachet auf”

Arranged by Manz

*“No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King; forever let our praises ring.”*

Philipp Nicolai

Susan Feltman, organist

*Please stand if you are able

Altar Interpretation

Angels spoke:

To Joseph -- Mary's baby would be Jesus, the son of God who would save his people from their sins.

To the shepherds -- Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord.

God loves us and sent Jesus to save us all. Live a new life with him.

The Peace of Advent restores us. Our sins are forgiven, and we are restored.

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers were given by Roberta & Howard Craven

In loving memory of Roberta's mother & father: Louise & Bob Sackett.

- * 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.
- * Hearing assisted devices are available, ask an usher.
- * 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

Every Member

Emily Forssberg

Susan Feltman

John Roberts, Ed. D.

Ginger Herndon

Dawn Lowe

Sally Thurman



*"Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news
of great joy that will be
for all the people."*

Luke 2:10, NIV

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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.