



*A Service of
Lessons and
Carols*

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 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jarred Crouch

Please pass the attendance folders

GREETING (With One Another)

Rev. Hojin Shin

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”
Wachet auf

Arr. Paul Manz

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Steve, Emily, Maia, & Miles Forssberg

From the foundation of Jesse, from the stump, there shall come a new shoot!

God’s spirit shall rest upon him.

He shall find delight in all of God’s creation!

Peace shall reign—old enmities shall cease! For on that day we will celebrate God’s love with one another.

Today we light two candles. The first is the candle of Patience, reminding us to watch and wait for what God is about to do.

The second candle is the candle of Readiness, enabling us to look at our lives, to get rid of all those things that keep us from God, to change our ways and live as God would have us live.

Come, see the lights. Let their brightness fill you.

Come, feel the warmth of the lights. Let them give you comfort.

Come, draw near to the lights, for God is breaking through to you.

Come, rejoice in the lights, God is with us!

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

Sue Carver

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.

***CAROL**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 196

SECOND LESSON

Julie Johnson

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

Crystal & Jaelyn Steenbarger

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Total Praise"

Richard Smallwood

Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D., director

FOURTH LESSON

Wendy Potter

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"

Mykola Leontovych

Emily Forssberg, director

Arr. Alex Guebert

SIXTH LESSON

Darcie Thurman

Luke 2: 1-7

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

"The Night That Christ Was Born"

Kirk Franklin

Dr. John Roberts, Ed.D., director ~ Ginger Herndon, accompanist

SEVENTH LESSON

Maia Forssberg

Luke 2: 8-16

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

GOLDEN BELLS

"Children Go Where I Send Thee"

Arr. Benjamin A. Tucker

Emily Forssberg, director

(see lyrics)

EIGHTH LESSON

Esther Shin

Matthew 2: 1-11

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"

Traditional

Soloist: Ollie Thurman

John Roberts, Ed. D., director

NINTH LESSON

Jonah Crouch

John 1: 1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Christmastime”

Joanna Carlson & Michael W. Smith, arr. Bryce Inman

Soloist: Thomas Weintraut

Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D., director

***BENEDICTION**

GOLDEN BELLS

“To the World Joy!”

Arr. Brian Childers

Emily Forssberg, director

Sue Feltman, organist

*Please stand if you are able

“Children Go Where I Send Thee “

1. Children, go where I send thee
How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee one by one:
One for the little bitty baby.
Born, born
Born in Bethlehem.
2. Children, go where I send thee
How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee two by two:
Two for Paul and Silas,
One for the little bitty baby.
Born, born
Born in Bethlehem.

3. Children, go where I send thee
How shall I send thee?
I'm gonna send thee three by three:
Three for the Hebrew children,
Two for Paul and Silas,
One for the little bitty baby.
Born, born
Born in Bethlehem.

4. Four for the four that stood at the door...
5. Five for the gospel preachers...
6. Six for the six that never got fixed...
7. Seven for the seven that never got to heaven...
8. Eight for the eight that stood at the gate...
9. Nine for the nine all dressed so fine...
10. Ten for the ten commandments...
11. Eleven for the eleven deriders...
12. Twelve for the twelve Apostles...

*Lyrics found on Wikipedia

I wanted to include the lyrics for this bell choir selection, as some may not be familiar with the text of this traditional spiritual, often performed at Christmas.

Emily

*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
Media Specialist	Sally Thurman
Youth Leader	Rumen Hulmequist