



Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday in Advent



Prelude *Variations on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Gerald Near

Lighting of the Advent Candle of *Love*

Lee Cutler

One: We re-light the candle of *Hope* and today we light the candle of *Love*, the second marker of our Advent journey. As we continue, may we travel with love as our guide. As we continue, God of journeys, lead us with your love.

Let us sing together our Advent song of hope:

Light the Advent Candle

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Light the Advent Candle, two: think of humble shepherds, who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *He Came Down*

The Faith We Sing #2085

Children may leave for Sunday School after the Children's Message.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer: Lord, a candle burns, the sign of your love. God of love, come to us again this Advent. May your love live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Lee Cutler

Luke 1:68-79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that he would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Anthem *Love Can Build a Bridge* Naomi Judd, Paul Overstreet, John Barlow Jarvis
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Sermon *Light Brought into Darkness* John Cole, Executive Director of CHUM

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Music During Communion *Noël huron* arr. Denis Bédard
Velda Graham Bell, organ

* Hymn *Angels From the Realms of Glory* UM Hymnal #220

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Velda Graham Bell, organ

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



Announcements

Please fill out the Connect Cards each week. They are replacing the attendance pads formerly found in the pews. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. On the back of the card, is a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.

Visitors: Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in an estimate of giving for 2022. If you haven't yet, please bring the card and your participation survey to the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or mail them (FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811).

Enjoy scones for the holidays. The Carol M. Donahue Music Scholarship Committee will have scones for sale following worship on Sunday, December 12. You may also pre-order scones through December 5. Scone varieties: Orange Cranberry, Dark Chocolate Cranberry, Lemon Poppyseed – all \$15; White Chocolate Raspberry, \$17. Proceeds will go to the Carol M. Donahue Music Student Scholarship Fund of FUMC. Checks and monetary gifts can be made payable to the Music Scholarship Fund.

Enjoy Holiday Music with FUMC Musicians



Saturday, Dec. 11 (7:30 pm) and Sunday, Dec. 12 (3 pm) – Holiday Jubilations and Traditions
Strikepoint joins the Arrowhead Chorale for their holiday concert in the Depot Great Hall (506 W. Michigan St., Duluth). This special event will celebrate the season with themes of light spanning 300 years. Strikepoint will also provide a musical prelude beginning 20 minutes before the start of each concert. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students; available online at www.arrowheadchorale.com/performances.php or at the door.

Sunday, Dec. 12 – 10 am worship service – Lessons and Carols service

You don't want to miss our annual Lessons and Carols Service held during morning worship. This very special service tells the story of Christ's birth through Scripture readings and music offered by First UMC's Sanctuary Choir, soloists, flute, violin, piano and organ.

Sunday, Dec. 12 (7:00 pm) - Twin Ports Wind Orchestra's Holiday Concert

Please join the Twin Ports Wind Orchestra Brass for a concert of inspiring seasonal favorites, warmth and good cheer. Held in our Sanctuary and conducted by First UMC's Dr. Mark Whitlock, the TPWO brass section will perform a variety of your favorite Christmas music. Free-will donations accepted.
services

*Christmas Eve Worship: Friday, December 24 at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Everyone looks forward to our meaningful Christmas Eve services each year. As always, we will have the chance to sing favorite Christmas carols, and both services will end with a beautiful candlelighting ceremony and the singing of "Silent Night." Pastor Jeanine will preach at both services. **The 4:00 pm service** will include a special Children's Message from Jojo Coffin-Langdon, our director of children's ministries, and the music will be led by Tapestry and our organist. This service will be livestreamed so you can enjoy it at any time during the evening. **At the 10:00 pm service**, music will be led by our Sanctuary Choir, Extollers (our reunion bell choir), various soloists, and our organist. This service may be enjoyed in-person only.*

Thank you to Alex Flinner, Nick Gosen and the Livestream Team for making the online service possible.

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