



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent



Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (with Warrenton)* arr. Mark Hayes
Go Tell It on the Mountain arr. Mark Hayes
Kay Strand, piano

Lighting the Second Advent Candle – the Candle of Peace Mark Harvey

One: We are in the season of Advent. A time of waiting and preparing for the coming Christ. Each Sunday we light a candle to guide us in our journey. We relight the candle of HOPE. Today we light the candle of Peace as we sing together:

All: Light a candle bright and tall for the Peace we wish to know. (*sung to the tune of "Dix"*)
Peace on Earth for great and small, God's Good News to us bestows.
Shine within our hearts today. Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UM Hymnal #211; v. 1,2,6,7

Consecrating Communion Elements for Children Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Children may leave for Sunday School after the Consecration of Elements.

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

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

Prayers of Joy and Concern

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Mark Harvey

Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Offering		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	<i>Come, O Redeemer, Come</i>	attachment
Sermon	<i>The Gift of PEACE</i>	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Anthem	<i>"Allegro ma cantabile" from Trio in G Minor</i> Shelley Gruskin, recorder; Jenna Mattson, violin; Velda Bell, organ; Adair Ballavance, bassoon	Antonio Vivaldi
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Music During Communion	<i>"Largo" from Trio in G Minor</i>	Antonio Vivaldi
* Hymn	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	UM Hymnal #218
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	<i>Let There Be Peace</i>	Carrie Underwood, Brett James, David Garcia Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



Announcements



*to 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, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

***Guests:** 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.*

Please join us for coffee and doughnuts in Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their estimates of giving for 2023 and their participation surveys. If you haven't yet, please mail them to the church (230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811) or bring them to the church office. Extra copies are available in envelopes on the ushers' tables in the Narthex. Please help us by returning your forms to the church.

Upcoming Worship Services:

***Sunday, December 11** – the Children's Christmas Pageant*

***Sunday, December 18** - Our Lessons and Carols Service will tell the story of Christ's birth through Scripture readings and music offered by First UMC's Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, and Class Ring.*

***Saturday, December 24** – Christmas Eve services at 4:00 (in person and livestreamed) and 10:00pm (in person only).*

***Sunday, December 25** – Christmas Day at 10:00am (in person only).*

More about Christmas Eve: Everyone looks forward to our meaningful Christmas Eve services each year. As always, we will sing our favorite Christmas carols, and both services will end with a beautiful candlelighting ceremony while we sing "Silent Night." Pastor Jeanine will preach at both services, and the 4:00pm service will include a special Children's Message from Jojo Coffin-Langdon, Director of Family Ministries. Music will be led by Tapestry and our organist, Velda Graham Bell, at the 4:00pm service, and led by the Sanctuary Choir, Extollers (the reunion bell choir) and Velda Graham Bell at the 10:00pm service. The 4:00pm service will be livestreamed so you can enjoy it at any time during the evening or Christmas Day; the 10:00pm service will be in person only. Christmas Day's morning worship service will also be in person only, not livestreamed.

Enjoy Holiday Music with FUMC Musicians

Saturday, Dec. 10 (7:30 pm) and Sunday, Dec. 11 (3 pm) – One Silent Night

Strikepoint again joins the Arrowhead Chorale for their holiday concert in the Depot Great Hall (506 W. Michigan St., Duluth). Strikepoint will also provide a musical prelude beginning 20 minutes before the start of each concert. Tickets are \$30 for adults (\$35 at the door) and \$10 for students; available online at www.arrowheadchorale.com/performances.php or at the door.

Sunday, Dec. 11 (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.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 (7:30 pm) – College of St. Scholastica Holiday Concert

Join the St. Scholastica Jazz Band, String Orchestra, Brass Choir, Steel Band, and Concert Band for an evening of festive holiday cheer. Our Sanctuary Choir Director, Derek Bromme, is the director of bands. Tickets are \$7.

Sunday, Dec. 18 – 10 am worship service – Lessons and Carols service

This very special service tells the story of Christ's birth through Scripture readings and music offered by First UMC's Sanctuary Choir, Class Ring handbell choir, and Strikepoint.

Join us for Faith Forum Sunday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the Fireside Lounge. On **December 11**, Shelley Gruskin will shed light on the intriguing question of "what kind of music does God like?"

CHUM's Second Saturday project will be making holiday cookies on **December 10** from 9am-noon at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (219 N. 6th Ave. E.). Cookies will be distributed to shelters and homes on Christmas Eve. Basic recipes and ingredients will be provided; bring a favorite recipe and any specialty ingredients. Sign up at <https://www.tfaforms.com/5025428>

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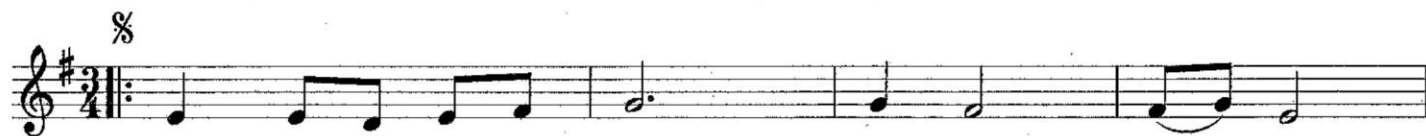
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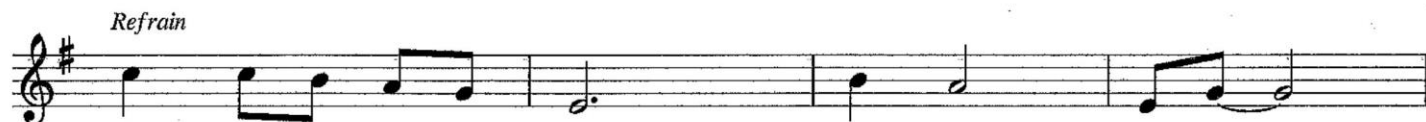
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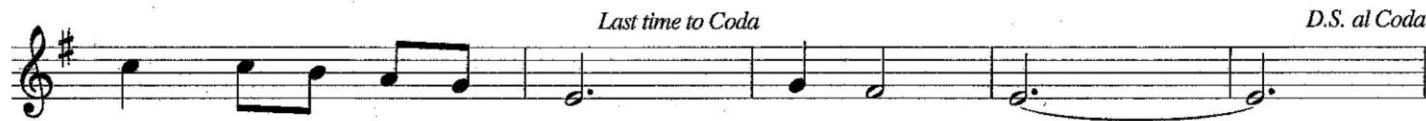
1. Fa - ther, en - throned on high, ho - ly, ho - ly;
 2. Lord, save us from the dark of our striv - ing,
 3. Look now up - on our need, Lord, be with us.



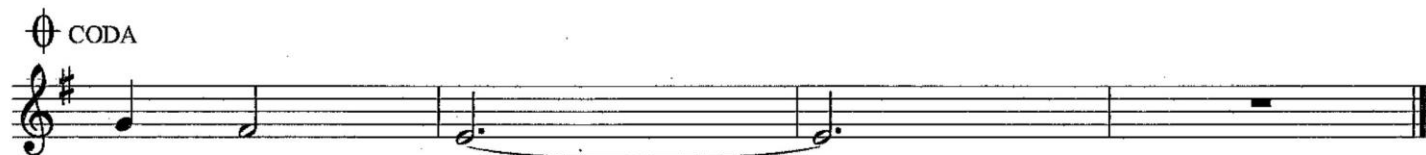
an - cient e - ter - nal Light, hear our prayer. _____
 faith - less and trou - bled hearts, weighed down. _____
 Heal us and make us free from our sin. _____



Come, O Re - deem - er, come, grant us mer - cy.



Come, O Re - deem - er, come, grant us peace. _____



grant us peace. _____

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