



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 29, 2024

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.

Children will remain in worship today. Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. Sunday School will resume January 12.

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* traditional carol
MaryAnne Korsch, piano

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

* **Hymn** *The King of Glory Comes* The Faith We Sing #2091

Scholarships Presentation Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Terry Wallin

Children's Message Pastor Jeanine Alexander

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Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Special Music *What Child is This* traditional English carol
Leah Hulst, solo

Christmas Carol Introduction and Reflection #1 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
Scripture Reading: And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom God favors." (Luke 2:13-14)

* **Hymn** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UM Hymnal #218; v. 1, 3, 4

Christmas Carol Reflection #2 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
Scripture Reading: And in that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid, for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel

a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom God favors." (Luke 2:8-14)

* Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UM Hymnal #220; v. 1, 2, 4

Christmas Carol Reflection #3

The First Noël

Scripture Reading: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we have observed his star at its rising and have come to worship him." They continued following the star until it stopped over the place where the child was. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Portions of Matthew 2:1-11)

* Hymn *The First Noël* UM Hymnal #245; v. 1, 2, 5

Christmas Carol Reflection #4

In the Bleak Midwinter

Scripture Reading: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

* Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* UM Hymnal #221; v. 1, 3, 4

Benediction Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *We Three Kings* arr. Robert Robinson
Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors



Announcements



Please
remember

to fill out the Connect Cards each week. 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.

Join us for coffee and doughnuts in the lower-level Lakeview Social Hall following the worship service.

Church Office Holiday Hours: December 31, 9am-noon; January 1, closed.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday. You are invited to bring a donation of food or money for the CHUM Food Shelf. This way, when we come to the communion table to be fed spiritually, we are also feeding our neighbors who are physically hungry. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations; if you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" in the check memo or on the envelope, and make checks out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Ashley Etter (Lennon-Berini Scholarship) is in her second year working on a PhD in English at the University of Notre Dame. In her spare time (which is scarce these days!), she likes to paint, crochet, cross-stitch, read, and write.

Rhonda Montavon (Ardath Gibson Scholarship, Lennon-Berini Scholarship) is in her second year of grad school at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, studying counseling. In her spare time, she likes to head to the family cabin to play games and fish.

Daniel Niemi (Lennon-Berini Scholarship) is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in biology and heading towards a pre-medical path. Daniel enjoys downhill skiing and teaching skiing.

Holland Venhuizen (Lennon-Berini Scholarship) is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, majoring in history with a minor in writing and anthropology. Holland likes to explore nature on hikes, write, bake for her family, and watch movies.

Brennen Werner (Lennon-Berini Scholarship) is a senior at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, majoring in kinesiology. He has applied to several Doctorate of Physical Therapy programs. Brennen likes to play basketball, fish, golf, do puzzles and LEGOs, and play cards.

The Terri Lynn Fundraiser online store will be open during December to buy gourmet candies and nuts. Funds raised will go towards next summer's youth mission trip. Place your order here: [coppertopduluth.terrilynn.com./](http://coppertopduluth.terrilynn.com/)

Wednesday activities and music for children, Wednesday Night Supper, and all bell choirs will resume on **January 15**. The Sanctuary Choir and Tapestry will begin rehearsing again on **January 8**.

Conversation with Church Friends: A group is meeting over Zoom every second and fourth Tuesday at 10am to catch up with each other and talk about what comes up that day. If you're interested in joining the group, contact Pamela Brown at pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us

Explore FUMC, the only session needed to join the church, will be held after worship on **Sunday, January 19, and Sunday, February 23**. There will be signup sheets in the Narthex if you're interested in joining the church or just finding out more about FUMC.

Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.

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