



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;

all who are lonely and need companionship;

all who want sheltering love, all who sin

and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

10:15am Sunday Worship December 10, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTER CANDLE Caleb Thornton

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (PEACE)
Aidan Michels & Michels family

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 2 only)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Jachino

L: Come! Listen! A voice cries out: "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

P: We come, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

L: Pay attention! God is removing barriers and leveling the playing field, making a way for all people to witness the glory of the Lord.

P: We pay attention, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

L: We wait, and we work as God's landscapers, filling in valleys and making rough places a plain, bringing justice where conflicts and obstacles once reigned.

P: We wait, and we work in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

L: As we gather, may we prepare our voices to proclaim and our hands to get messy as our lives declare the coming of our Savior.

P: We come to worship and to grow in the just peace of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

*SONG: "Blesses Be Your Name" from Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER Linda Jachino

God of winter and starlight, you have promised us your presence: to live among us, to right all wrongs, to bring good

things to all who wait for your new day. In these dark days, we look for signs of your coming: the sounds of children at play, the music that fills our hearts with anticipation, the company of all who serve the last and the least. Make us at home with righteousness, that we may be ready to walk in your holy ways. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Linda Jachino

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME LaVona Grissinger

SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 3:8-10 and 13-15a (CEB) Linda Jachino

*GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8 (CEB) Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #473 "Lead Me, Lord"

MESSAGE: "Patient God" Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, we enter this season from a chaotic world filled with violence, division, and injustice. We are reminded we are called to prepare the way, to be the designers of peace, the builders of justice, the producers of kindness. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for the promised kingdom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

HYMN #402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa & Tom Grissinger (Bob & LaVona's children), Deb Endress (Kris Yingling's friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther's sister), Janet Smith, Eli (Bob & LaVona's grandson), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies' friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O'Leary, Kim Walker (Jackie's daughter), Barb Green, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier's grandson), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz's son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Owen (Bonnie's son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave's friend), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Randy & Susie Bonjour, Tim Addie (relative of Bob & LaVona), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Jim Eaton, Sharon Atherton (Kris Yingling's aunt), Cody Rose (Courtney Johnson's friend), Pam Darrow, John Jachino, Joann Badtke (Bruce's mom), Connie Zink, Hazi (Cori Moore's daughter), Barb & Ed Jepsen, Paul Mayer, Will Bussan (Bonnie's grandson), Angie Lennon (Paula Mayer's friend's daughter), Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Kay Cavanagh, Sandy Pratt, Pearl Michels, the family of Carol Eyerly, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 10 – Rhonda Badtke
14 – Rachel Badtke

CALENDAR

Monday December 11
1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
Tuesday December 12
5:30 pm – UM Men meeting
Wednesday December 13
5 pm – Advent Bible Study
Thursday December 14
9 am – Bible Study
Sunday December 17
8:45 am – Adult Sunday School
9 am - Trustees
9 to 10 am – Children & Youth SS (rehearsal)
10:15 am – Children’s Christmas Program
11:15 am – Ad Council
1:30 pm – Confirmands mission work

WORSHIP HELPERS

	December 17	Dec 24 AM/PM
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Jiwon Yim/
Liturgist	Children’s Program	Bonnie Davies/Molly Andersen
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller – AM
Verifier	Linda Jachino	Pam Darrow - AM

Last Week’s Attendance: 89

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry – Keep filling your Advent Calendar and get into the drawing for prizes! Turn your items into Ronda in the office or into the fellowship hall to get your calendar stamped. You can also purchase a box of food items (only) for \$44. You will have to purchase Blessing Baskets items separately or you can pay \$30 to complete that week too. Orders for the food box can be placed and paid for in the office or through Sullivan’s directly up to Dec. 15th. Orders for Blessing basket items can be paid in the office. All orders will be picked up in the morning on Monday, Dec 18th. Remember all food items are due no later than 10 am on Monday, December 18th! Fill as many calendars as you would like. Share with your friends too! (Extra calendars are in the Narthex)

Blessing Basket – We need to restock everything and always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women’s Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

December Communion – will go to WC Food Pantry

Now collecting for Children’s Fund! – Please give your monetary donations to the office or Mary Irons.

Advent Bible Study with light supper, fellowship, and prayer is coming up!!! “The Acts of the Apostles” The next gatherings will be December 13th, and 20th at 5 to 7 pm.

UM Men –Meeting will be Tuesday, December 12 @ 5:30 pm. Soup, fellowship, and book discussion.

Christmas Concert – TODAY @ 2 pm. Offering will go to WC Food Pantry and Christmas Needy Kids.

Trustees/Ad Council –December 17th at 9 am/11:15 am

Children’s Christmas Program – December 17th during worship
Children & Youth Sunday School – will start at 9 am on the 17th for rehearsal of the Christmas program

Acolyte training – will be Dec 17th @ 11:15 am (after worship)

Church office will be closed – Wednesday, Dec 20th

Christmas Eve Services – there will be a morning service on Dec 24th at 10:15 am and a candlelight service with communion at 7 pm.

Blood Drive – will be January 10th from 2:30 to 6 pm.

Pictures for Church Directory – Stay tuned for more details

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 am December 10, 2023

Vision 2023 –“Make Jesus’ Disciples”

Focus on making Jesus’ Disciples
to transform lives and the world!

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”(Matthew 28:19)

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