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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

## WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We want to welcome you to Fairport UMC! We embrace the gift of diversity of our community and our world and proclaim that all persons are created in God's image. We celebrate all ways that the human family of Christ finds its diversity. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world.

For the safety of all, please follow the guidelines posted around the narthex and sanctuary. Currently, masks are required and disposable masks are available for those who do not have one.

### CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a children's basket with Children's Activity Bags. For the safety of all, this bag will remain your child's bag for future worship services. Return it to the cart and it will be labeled just for you! We love to have the children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). Currently, we are not able to offer a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

W&S – Worship & Song (small green hymnal)

Note: An Automated External Defibrillator is stored in the white wall case in the kitchen off the narthex.



**FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation** where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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**DECEMBER 12, 2021****The chimes call us to gather.****WE GATHER**

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It's time to celebrate; we are in the presence of God.  
We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love  
and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day.

## GREETING &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice calls out in the wilderness.

**It sings of a home for all.****It speaks of justice and peace.**

We could choose to ignore it.

**We could drown out that song.****We could choose not to listen.**

Instead, we come into this space.

**We let the world grow quiet.****We listen.**

A voice calls out in the wilderness.

Do you hear it?

**We hear it. In listening, we worship.**

Let us draw near to God.

## PRELUDE

*In Quiet Joy**Dupré*

## CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

The Dombush Family (9:00am)

The Rev. Mary Martin &amp; Barbara Thieme (10:30am)

 Sung Response: *Sung to the tune of Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, UMH 626**As we light the candle of joy,****We await the Christ yet to come.****Finding joy in our Creator,****Led by a Spirit that roams.****Christ will come to us, upon our earth to dwell.****May we carry joy close to home.**

## \*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UMH 211

vs. 1-3

**GOD SPEAKS**

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\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-18

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;  
For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:30) *All children are welcome to come forward!*

## MESSAGE

*A Home for All (Joy)*

Rev. Richelle Goff

## ANTHEM

*When God Is a Child*

Carter

**All are invited to sing the refrain (see next page)**

(9:00) Early Choir (10:30) Chancel Choir

**WE RESPOND**


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## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father<sup>c</sup>, 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.**

*\*You are invited to use a name for God that is most meaningful to you.***WE GO FORTH**

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 \*HYMN*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

UMH 224

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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Let us take these few moments for preparation,  
for worship is over....the service begins.

Flowers today are given by Carol and Marilyn Tastor  
in memory of Brenda Jean.

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

**When God Is a Child**  
CONGREGATION

Brian Wren

GATES  
JOHN CARTER

REFRAIN



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The



last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and



none shall be a - fraid.

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| CHOIR:         | REFRAIN   |
| CHOIR & CONG.: | REFRAIN   |
| CHOIR:         | Hope is a star that shines in the night,<br>leading us on till the morning is bright. |
| CHOIR & CONG.: | REFRAIN   |
| CHOIR:         | Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,<br>giving a promise of safety and worth.    |
| CHOIR & CONG.: | REFRAIN   |
| CHOIR:         | Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,<br>telling the world that the Savior is born.   |
| CHOIR & CONG.: | REFRAIN   |
| CHOIR:         | Love is a flame that burns in our heart,<br>Jesus has come and will never depart.     |
| CHOIR & CONG.: | REFRAIN   |

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- o We offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family of Ernest "Vic" Enter upon his death on December 8, 2021. Please hold his family (especially his daughter Sue Scheire) in your prayers.
- o We pray for Carol Christensen, who fell and broker her leg on Wednesday and is currently at Highland Hospital. We pray for her healing and recovery.
- o Sharon Falcone asks us to pray for Joe, who has been diagnosed with COVID and is on a ventilator. We pray for his recovery and for the comfort of his family.
- o Prayers of thanksgiving for Peter, brother of Carol Snow, who had successful heart surgery this week. We pray for continued health and a swift recovery.
- o We pray for the grandfather of Emi Sanzotta, a classmate of Dorothy Smith. Emi's grandfather was diagnosed with bone cancer and she is worried for him.
- o We lift Joan and Andy Mullings and their family in our prayers as they moun the death of Andy's mother, Jean.
- o Please keep Terrie Sleeman in your prayers as she begins cancer treatments.
- o We lift an anonymous woman who was just diagnosed with uterine cancer.
- o Prayers of gratitude that Lou Battynne's surgery was successful and he is cancer free.
- o We continue our prayers for **Sandy Baldwin, David Ferrell, Wini Adams, Nancy Baldwin, Janette Barley, Judy Darrer, June Konz, Liz Knowles, Ryder Maciaszek, Linda Marsters, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Shirley Prudom, Lois Spencer, Dylan Smith, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Christmas Carols in your Car! TODAY at 1pm!**

Back this year...Christmas Carols in Your Car! Everyone is invited to a time of socially-distanced Christmas carol singing in the church parking lot TODAY at 1pm! We will have caroling booklets, we will "park each other in", and we will sing in our cars via our FM 91.1 station! *There will also be a special visitor in the parking lot!*

Join us! Decorate your cars! Bring some hot cocoa! Put on a fun Christmas sweater! Let's enjoy singing some fun Christmas carols together! Any questions? Contact Nicole ([nicole@fairportumc.org](mailto:nicole@fairportumc.org))!

### **Christmas Eve: Register Today**

This year for Christmas Eve, we will be offering four services: 2pm, 4pm, 8pm, and 10pm. *In order to safely distance, we will be asking for reservations for each service.* Registration is open through our website at [www.fairportumc.org](http://www.fairportumc.org), registering at the sign in table in the foyer, or by calling the church office. The 2pm and 4pm services will be identical and will be the children's services. Our 8pm & 10pm will be traditional lessons and carols with special music and candlelight. At the 10pm we will also celebrate Holy Communion.

### **FUMC Women's Communion Service**

Please join the UMW for the Women's Communion Service this Monday, December 13 at 7:00. Pastor Richelle Goff and Pastor Ann Kemper will be co-leading the service. Please bring children's clothing of any type, hats and mittens for "Healthy Mom's Children's Clothing Closet."

### **Habitat for Humanity: Help Needed!**

There are spots open for Friday, December 17. To sign up, go to <https://perintonhabitat.org>. Select: All Perinton Congregations and 871 Smith Street. If you need help registering, please contact Rick Hill or Carlee Brown at [rickhillco@aol.com](mailto:rickhillco@aol.com).

### **As Worship Leaders "Retire" We All Say Thank You!!!**

It is with deep gratitude we say thank you to a few individuals who have helped welcome us and made sure all the behind the scenes parts of worship were taken care of for many years. These individuals have been a constant in their worship leadership and are now ready to "retire". Thank you for your dedication and constant presence! You are all appreciated and loved!

**Sid Bater-10:30 Head Usher**  
**Loren Romagnola-9am Head Usher**  
**Lex Sleeman- 9am Head Usher**  
**Jennie Guy-Greeter Coordinator**  
**Bill MacKenzie- Reader Coordinator**

We now welcome these following individuals in their new roles!

**Nancy Beaman- 9:00 Head Usher**  
**Sue Scheirer- 10:30 Head Usher**  
**Lorraine Rieck- Reader Coordinator**

### **A message from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee**

Each year in appreciation of our staff, our congregation has given a monetary gift, collected by SPRC. This gift will let our staff know that their work here is invaluable and inspiring. There are two ways to donate to this gift. You can write a check and either mail it to the church or drop it in the box marked "staff gift" in the narthex. Make sure the check is made out to the church and you must write "staff gift" on the memo line. You can also go

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

to the FUMC website and click on the donate tab, use the drop down feature under "give to pledge giving, checks, envelopes" and then choose "give to staff gift." If you use this option, it is helpful to donate as soon as possible since it takes a while to process.

*We hope you will join us in thanking Lisa, Joy, Laura, Nicole and Richelle this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity!*

### **Advent Giving Center Continues**

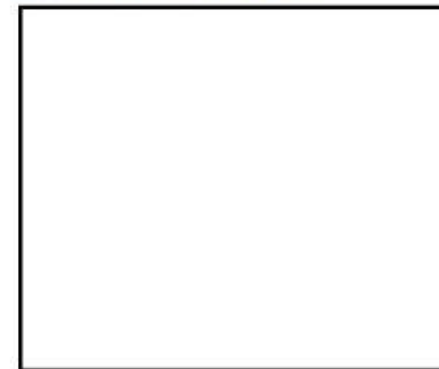
For this year's Star Tree we will be collecting Wegmans and Walmart gift cards for Family Promise of Greater Rochester (formerly RAIHN) Family Promise assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing person-centered, holistic services in collaboration with the greater community. These gift cards will be given to the families supported by Family Promise. The Giving Tree is located in the Parlor! *Please return by December 19.*

When John the Baptist was preaching in the desert, he called for us to share what we have with those in need. Sometimes sharing can be tough. But it is important that we make our world a place where everyone has what they need. God's house is BIG ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE!

When you get home, can your family fill a bag of non-perishable groceries to bring to the food shelf donation center here at church? That's a great way to share!



Use the space below to draw a time that you shared - was it a toy? A snack? Draw how it made you feel!



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday,</b> December 12	8:15am 9:00am 9 & 10:30am 1:00pm	Early Choir - Sanctuary Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Worship <b>Christmas Carols in Your Car - Parking Lot</b>
<b>Monday,</b> December 13	1:00pm 7:00pm	Godmothers - offsite UMW Communion Service - Sanctuary Boy Scouts - FH
<b>Tuesday,</b> December 14	6:30pm 7:00pm	CMT Meeting - Zoom Finance Meeting - Zoom
<b>Wednesday,</b> December 15	7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary, 113
<b>Thursday,</b> December 16	6:30pm	Bell Choir - Sanctuary
<b>Friday,</b> December 17		
<b>Saturday,</b> December 18		
<b>Sunday,</b> December 19	8:15am 9:00am 9 & 10:30am 12:30pm 6:30pm	Bell Choir - Sanctuary Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School Worship (New Member Sunday Worship - 10:30am) Sunday Dinner (Resurrection) Junior and Senior High Youth Group - FH

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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**Custodian** – Lisa Menna

### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Advent Wreath** - The Dornbush Family (9:00am)

& The Rev. Mary Martin & Barbara Thieme (10:30am)

**Reader** - Jeff Halik (9:00am & 10:30am)