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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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## 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****DECEMBER 19, 2021**

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**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

We are seeking—  
**deeper faith,**  
**a place to belong,**  
**the feeling that God is here in this room.**

We are seeking—  
**joy that overflows,**  
**the movement of the Spirit,**  
**a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.**

We are seeking—  
**the freedom to be,**  
**the courage to love,**  
**the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**

We are seeking, but here in this space,  
**We are found.**  
Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.  
**God is here. We are found. Amen.**

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?* arr. Dobrinski  
Bell Choir

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY The Smith Family (9:00am)  
The Rev. Mary Martin & 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 love,**  
**We await the Christ yet to come.**  
**Loving our Creator and neighbor,**  
**In faith we do not live alone.**  
**Christ will come to us, upon our earth to dwell.**  
**May we carry love close to home.**

♪ \*HYMN *Tell Out, My Soul* UMH 200

Baptisms &amp; Welcoming New Members (10:30)

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**GOD SPEAKS**

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\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-55  
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 *Seeking Sanctuary (Love)* Rev. Richelle GoffANTHEM (10:30) *Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang* Lau  
Chancel Choir**WE RESPOND**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE 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.**

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

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♪ \*HYMN *Love Came Down at Christmas* UMH 242

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Hustad

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

Poinsettias today are given by our family in faith  
in honor and memory of loved ones.

The white flowers are given  
in honor of our new members and newly baptized. Welcome!



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SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

**Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang**

O lowly maiden, O blessed woman,  
You have been chosen to bring us the king.  
Peace be with you, O fairest holy one,  
Mary, mother, child of God.  
Ave Maria. Ave, the angel sang.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- o For the victims of the tornadoes that ravaged Arkansas and Kentucky last week. We pray for the families that lost so much and for the resilience and strength of the communities so dramatically changed during this sacred time of year.
- o We lift Vicki, cousin of Bonnie Morigeau, in prayer this week. Vicki is undergoing chemotherapy.
- o We continue to hold those who are challenged by mental health issues, especially young people and children, and for those that care for those who are vulnerable.
- o As the year winds down, we lift those who have lost family and friends to COVID. We pray for their hearts to be full during this Christmas season, even as they mourn the loss of loved ones.
- o We continue our prayers for **Carol Christensen, Sandy Baldwin, Terrie Sleeman, David Ferrell, Wini Adams, Nancy Baldwin, Janette Barley, Judy Darrer, June Konz, Ryder Maciaszek, Linda Marsters, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Shirley Prudom, Lois Spencer, Dylan Smith, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.**

Please Note: The Church office will be closed from December 22 to January 3. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. The 4 pm and 8pm are at capacity. Please choose the 2 pm or 10pm. 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.

### Worship on December 26

Please plan on ONE service on Sunday, December 26 (the first Sunday after Christmas) at 9:30am. We expect that many will be traveling due to the holiday season so we will be offering one service for our post Christmas rejoicing and worship! This service will be livestreamed for viewing at home and abroad.

### 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 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! **Today is the final day for collection!**

### Habitat for Humanity: New Dates!

If you would like to help work on our house at 871 Smith Street in Rochester, it's not too late! Volunteer builders are still needed. All tools will be provided and no experience is necessary.

There are spots open for the following dates:

January 7

January 15

January 21

January 29

February 4

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).

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### READ IT

This week's Bible story is  
**Mary Visits Elizabeth**  
from Luke 1:39-58



### God gave us Jesus as a gift!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Mary
- Elizabeth
- Mary's Song
- Elizabeth's Baby

Mary's song in this story is called the "Magnificat." It talks about how Jesus will turn the world upside-down, bringing peace, justice and prosperity for all people.

### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 202-207

*Spark Bible* pages 1128-1129

### Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus. As we celebrate his birth, give us the gift of amazement as we see all that you are doing in our world. AMEN.

### TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 Parents: start a story like this: "I remember when we found out you would be our child..."
- 2 What kinds of good news have you shared with people you love?
- 3 Can you think of amazing things God still does for God's creation today?
- 4 Mary's song is a prayer. As a family, try to write a prayer - a vision - for what God wants the world to be.



### Eye Spark

When you see a baby wiggle, remember how Elizabeth's baby wiggled inside of her when Elizabeth heard Mary's voice.



### Ear Spark

Listen for songs that talk about what God is doing in the world. Remember the song that Mary sang.



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<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
<b>Monday,</b> December 20	7:00pm	Boy Scouts - FH
<b>Tuesday,</b> December 21	7:00pm	Trustees - (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday,</b> December 22	7:30pm	Chancel Choir - S, 113
<b>Thursday,</b> December 23	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<b>Friday,</b> December 24	2:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve Worship
<b>Saturday,</b> December 25		Merry Christmas!
<b>Sunday,</b> December 26	9:30am 12:30pm	Worship Sunday Dinner (FH, K)  <b>Please Note: There is no Sunday School and we have a single worship service this Sunday!</b>

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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

**Reader** - Lorraine Rieck (9:00am & 10:30am)