



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome 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. *Masks are currently optional. Disposable masks are available in the coatroom and narthex for those who would like one.*

CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a basket with Children's Activity Bags. We love to have children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). Currently, we are not offering a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones. The service is also livestreamed in the nursery so you and your little one can still participate in worship!

OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and all (including children) are welcome at the table. We have gluten free bread for those who need it. Please ask the servers when receiving. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

*indicates to stand in body or spirit

bold print indicates congregational response

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

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



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.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The chimes call us to gather.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Held

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SUNG RESPONSE *Light The Advent Candle* FWS 2090 refrain

**Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**Patient God,
you know just how often
we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
You know just how often
we allow fear to take the place of logic,
fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
You know just how often
we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.
Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
which spark and feed so much of our fear,
to re-center us in love.
With hope we pray, Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

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!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

UMH 129

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

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!**

MESSAGE

God meets us in our fear

Rev. Richelle Goff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang

Lau

Early Choir

(10:30)

Arise! Rejoice!

Martin

(from *A Weary World Rejoices*)

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

FWS 2257

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Parts (b) – (d) are sung responsively.

“Hosanna in the highest!” is sung in unison each time.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BRINGING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who knows our fears.

We believe in a God who says, “Be not afraid.”

**We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes
and wades into the muck of our lives with us.**

**We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels,
and invites us to dance.**

**We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky
so that we can find our way home,
and who sends us friends with open doors,
so we can find our way to love.**

**We believe in a God who finds us in our fear
and does not leave us alone.**

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

*HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

UMH 218

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Langlois

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

We have 2 flower arrangements this week.
One arrangement is from Joy Leinenbach in celebration
of her mom, Shirley's 80th Birthday!

The other flower arrangement is from Brook Richardson
in celebration of his and Carol's 53rd Anniversary,
and also in celebration of Carol's birthday!!

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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.*

*Fair one so gentle, filled with the Spirit, you will bear Jesus, the savior for all.
Don't be afraid now, God's love surrounds you, Mary, mother, child of God.
Ave Maria. Ave, the angel sang.*

*What will you call him, O lovely maiden? Rulers and nations will bow at his name.
Let all creation give thanks for the holy one: Jesus, Savior, child of God.
Ave Maria. Ave, the angel sang.*

Arise! Rejoice!

*Arise! Sing unto the Lord! Rejoice with the sound of the trumpet!
Rejoice! Sing unto the Lord! Prepare the way, declare the day of jubilee!
Rejoice, the King is coming! Adorn your life with praise!
Hosanna! Lift high your voice and sing!
Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of kings!*

*Arise! Sing unto the Lord! Break forth into glorious singing!
Arise! Sing unto the Lord! Behold, a Light is beaming bright to show the way!
Who is the King of glory, this bright and Morning Star?
Hosanna! The promised Prince of Peace!
Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of kings!*

SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS (CONTINUED)

Arise! Rejoice!

Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain be made low.

Every rough and broken place will heal and be made whole.

Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain be made low.

Sing hosanna. Sing hosanna.

Every rough and broken place will heal and be made whole.

Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna evermore!

Every nation, all creation, sing to the Lord!

Arise! Sing unto the Lord! Rejoice with the sound of the trumpet!

Rejoice! Sing unto the Lord! Prepare the way, declare the day of jubilee!

Rejoice, the King is coming! Adorn your life with praise!

Hosanna! Lift high your voice and sing!

Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of kings!

Hosanna to the King!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Hazel Stewart and family. Her mother, Anne Stewart, passed away Nov. 30th (Holly Warren)
- For Nora, a young girl dealing with health concerns and family issues (Jennie Guy).
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*
Carolyn Adams, Evelyn Ambrose, Brian Alexander, Bill Braddon, Todd Christensen, Ray, Dave Eisler, Jan Taylor, Louie, Cindy Jack, Judy Hays, Ed Lewek, Carol Christensen, Susan Newman, Dwina Joy, Maddie, Barb George, Shirley Robinson, John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Terrie Sleeman, Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, and Wally Robinson.
- We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes:*
Dave and Carolyn Hebert, Ruth Howard, Janette Barley, Shirley Prudom, Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh.

ADVENT GIVING

The Social Justice Committee is conducting a winter clothing drive to benefit local shelters and the Eastern Service Workers Association.

**Please donate only new items
and those in good condition.**

Items to donate include:

Coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for men or women.

A collection box for these items can be found in the coat room.

Thank you!

Outreach is collecting items to put in Christmas stockings for the residents of Sanctuary House, a homeless shelter for women and children on Dewey Avenue in Rochester.

A list of items to donate can be found in the Narthex - next to the large box on the table.

Please do not wrap.

Please bring items by December 11 and place them in the large box in the Narthex.

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breakfast with Santa and Nativity Scavenger Hunt - Today!!

Join your church family for a pancake, scrambled eggs and sausage breakfast between services and after the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship with pancakes, Christmas carols and music, a few crafts and a Nativity Scavenger Hunt!

From the smallest to the tallest this will be an enjoyable event for all!

(Freewill offering)

Christmas Cantata!

Our Cantata will be presented on:

December 10 (7pm) & December 11(3pm)

**See the bulletin insert for
more information!**

I Spy the Holy Family!

Let's have some fun this Advent season with a game of "I Spy!"

The nativity stable at the front of the sanctuary is empty. Starting today, Mary, Joseph and their donkey will appear somewhere on the first floor of the church as they make their way to the stable.

Look around and find them, then go up to Joy and quietly say, "I spy Mary and Joseph at the _____" and receive something special in return.

Each week as we move closer to Christmas, Mary, Joseph and the donkey will get closer to the stable.

Let's have fun with this!!!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , December 4	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 10am 12:30pm 6pm	Early Choir - 113, S Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Breakfast with Santa! Nativity Scavenger Hunt! Pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage! Sunday Dinner - K / FH Boy Scout Leadership - P / FH
<i>Monday</i> , December 5	1pm 7pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers - 204 Boy Scouts - FH Ruth Circle - P UMM Study Group - Zoom
<i>Tuesday</i> , December 6	10:15am 12 & 4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P The Bible Year Study Group - P Joyful Noise - 206 YMST
<i>Wednesday</i> , December 7	1:30pm 7pm 8:15pm	Star Group Cantata Choir - 113, S Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , December 8	9:30am 4pm 6:30pm 7pm	Naomi Circle - P Social Justice - Zoom Bell Choir - S CMT
<i>Friday</i> , December 9	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group - Offsite
<i>Saturday</i> , December 10	9am 12pm 5:30pm 6pm 7pm	Cantata Choir - 113, P, S Al Anon - FH Bell Choir - S Cantata Choir Cantata Performance!
<i>Sunday</i> , December 11	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 2pm 3pm	Bell Choir - S Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Cantata Choir Luncheon - FH Bell Choir Cantata Choir Cantata Performance!

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Barry Bermudez

Reader: 9am - Mary Martin 10:30am - Rick Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Community Prayer Service - Today / December 4th

In response to acts of hate & violence that took place recently in Perinton, The Perinton Pastoral Association will hold a gathering of community members this afternoon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, to pray and sing in solidarity with those that were targeted, to support an end to hate and violence.

Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church

48 Perrin Street

Fairport, NY

When: 2pm today

SAVE THE DATES

United Women in Faith Advent Communion Service

Join the women of the church on December 12th at 7pm for a meaningful pause in the midst of the busy season to gather, worship, pray and celebrate communion.

Euchre Tournament and Game Night

Will be held on Saturday, December 17, in Fellowship Hall.

Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Registration is from 6:00 pm to 6:20 pm. (No cost to play!)

Play begins sharply at 6:30 pm

There will be music, drinks, and snacks are always welcome.

Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring a reindeer. Christ welcomes all to the table(s). Singles will be paired up. Everyone is guaranteed a partner.

Plan to spend a relaxing and enjoyable evening during this Advent season.

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services

4pm - Children's Service
(also livestreamed)

8pm - Traditional Lessons and Carols Service
(also livestreamed)

10pm - Candlelight Communion Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Sanctuary House and Francis Center

Help Needed at Centers for People who are Experiencing Homelessness

FUMC has served two homeless centers in Rochester since 2004. One of the centers / shelters is the Sanctuary House serving women and children.

The other is Francis Center serving men. Small teams from our church have taken a meal the 4th Sunday of every month prepared by the Sunday dinner Ministry.

We serve the meals, share time with the residents, offer prayer request forms and hold a Holiday Party with gifts for each person in December.

Many folks at FUMC have given their time to help at the Francis Center and Sanctuary House over the years.

We would welcome members of our congregation to sign up to help once or twice a year at either center.

Please see a sign-up sheet in the hallway near the office, or you can call Judy Bermudez or Susan Striegel for more information.

Judy (for the Sanctuary House)

585-746-8056 or

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Susan (for Francis Center)

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Thank you so much!!

An Important Message from Finance re: 2023 Pledges

In the past several members of our congregation have paid a portion or all of their pledge in December of the year prior to the pledge year in order to take advantage of income tax rules.

Due to changes in the tax law, this number of persons has decreased. However, we wish to be certain persons who may choose this option are fully aware of how these donations are processed.

All donations that are received in the church office on or prior to Dec. 30 will be deposited on Friday, Dec. 30, and will be credited on the donor's 2022 Giving Statement. Donations received after this date will be deposited in January of 2023, and will be credited on the 2023 Giving Statement. Donations made online, with scheduled giving dates on or before December 31, 2022 will be credited to the 2022 Giving Statement.

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE THESE DONATIONS ARE CREDITED IN THE YEAR THEY ARE RECEIVED, THEY WILL NOT APPEAR ON YOUR 2023 GIVING STATEMENTS, EVEN THOUGH WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE MET YOUR OBLIGATIONS FOR THAT YEAR.

As always, we are grateful for all donations given to support the mission and work of your church family, whenever they are given. It is due to software limitations, accounting best practices, and advice from the conference and our accountant, that donations and statements are handled in this manner.

Once again, thank you for your donation and pledges!