



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 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 cart in the Narthex with Children's Activity Bags. We love to have children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). We are not currently 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 child 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

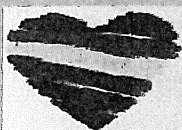
*indicates to stand in body or spirit

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*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Moon of Wintertime

arr. Dennis

Bell Choir

*HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

a million times a day we have the opportunity to be gracious,

to assume the best in others,

to give the benefit of the doubt.

A million times a day we could choose the better way,

but so often we don't.

Fear and greed kick in.

Assumptions and insecurities take the wheel.

Comparison and critique lead the charge.

Forgive us for forgetting that we are descendants of Joseph.

Forgive us for forgetting that grace and mercy are in our blood.

Forgive us for forgetting that all belong to you.

Give us the courage to love even bigger than before,

and the wisdom to choose a better way.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

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!**

ANTHEM (10:30)

A Weary World Rejoices

Martin

Chancel Choir

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

FWS 2099

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

We Can Choose a Better Way

Rev. Richelle Goff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Glory to the Newborn King

Edwards

Bell 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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

BRINGING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who offers second chances
and does not hold grudges.

We believe in a God who opens the door to new life
and leaves the porch light on for us when we get lost.

We believe in a God who believes in us—
believes that we can make a difference,
that we can choose grace over comparison,
love over hate,
peace over war.

And so we strive to live our lives in love.

We strive to listen as Joseph listened,
and to be the people that God calls us to be.

It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

This we believe. Amen.

*HYMN

All Earth Is Waiting

UMH 210

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Held

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

Flowers this week are from Jen Lang, in celebration of Colleen's birthday.

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

A Weary World Rejoices

*Celebrate! Celebrate! Come lift your voices with glorious, jubilant song.
Celebrate! Celebrate! Come with rejoicing as heaven is singing along.*

REFRAIN:

*Arise and shine, your Light has come. Rise and see what the Lord has done.
God is sending His promised Son. A weary world rejoices! A weary world rejoices!
Celebrate! Celebrate! This is the season, a reason for jubilant praise.
Celebrate! Celebrate! Shout from the mountains. Earth's fountains are flowing with
grace.*

REFRAIN

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Ye people, prepare the path with praise.
Good people now rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Restore your alleluias, your grateful anthems raise.
Joy to the world. Joy to the world.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Ye people, this is the dawn of grace!
Good people now rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Joy to the world! Sing alleluia!
Joy to the world! Let us sing joy to the world!
Celebrate! Celebrate! Gather together, the music is calling today.
Celebrate! Celebrate! Hear how the steeples are bringing God's people to praise.*

REFRAIN



Our Christmas Cantata is being presented TODAY at 3pm!

Come hear this musical program with our
Cantata Choir, Bell Choir, and Heavenly Horn Trio!

A Weary World Rejoices is a brand new cantata written by Joseph Martin.

All are welcome! Join us at 3pm!

(The cantata is also being livestreamed on our YouTube and Facebook pages!)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Annie Taggart, who is having tests done for some serious health issues.
- For peace in our world instead of oppression, injustice, and violence.
- We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:*
Cindy Jack, Todd Christensen, Dave Eisler, Jan Taylor, Ed Lewek, Carol Christesen, 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, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message of Hope Cards - On the table in the Narthex near the kitchenette

Please sign a Message of Hope card on the table with Advent giving information in the Narthex and place your card in the box. All that's needed is a sentence or two of hope to inmates that will be distributed to them by prison chaplains. If you sign, use only your first name, no other identifying information.

Advent Giving

The Social Justice Committee will conduct 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!**

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. 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.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

The number of pledges received has grown to 100. This is the same number we received by this point last year! The amount pledged so far is about **\$45,000 less than our estimated expenses for 2023**. However, there still are some folks who pledged last year that we have yet to hear from. If you may have misplaced your pledge card, please feel free to access the online card at: <https://fairportfumc.breezechms.com/form/866f6d81254>.

We would love to report 2023 will be GREATER THAN 2022.

All pledges are appreciated.

Ron Tucker & Corey Stark
Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee

Dave Dupont
Chair, Finance Committee

SAVE THE DATES

United Women in Faith Advent Communion Service - December 12th

Join the women of the church TOMORROW 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 - December 17th

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 6:30pm.* 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.

Christmas Eve Services - Saturday, December 24

4pm - Children's Service (In Person and Livestreamed)

8pm - Traditional Lessons and Carols Service (In Person and Livestreamed)

10pm - Candlelight Communion Service (In Person)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<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 Rehearsal Cantata Performance!
<i>Monday</i> , December 12	1pm 7pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH UWIF Communion - S UMM Study Group
<i>Tuesday</i> , December 13	10:15am 12 & 4pm 6:30pm	Staff Meeting - Parlor The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206
<i>Wednesday</i> , December 14	11:30am 7pm	Joy Club (Offsite) Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , December 15	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday</i> , December 16	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday</i> , December 17	12pm 6pm	Al Anon- P Euchre & Game Night - FH
<i>Sunday</i> , December 18	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 10am 11:30am 4pm	Early Choir - 113, S Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K Confirmation Mission / Outreach Jr and Sr High Youth Group

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Rick Hessney

Reader: 9am - Nate Romagnola 10:30am - Paul Robinson