



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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel & Joy to the World* arr. Howes
 Heavenly Horn Trio
 Beth Blaufuss, Paul Howes, Tobin Woodruff

*HYMN *Tell Out, My Soul* UMH 200

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 today and tomorrow,

When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house.

Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.

How often do we have that same opportunity?

How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?

How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?

Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION & *SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58

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

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH 209

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

MESSAGE

We see God in each other

Rev. Richelle Goff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Miller

Early Choir

(10:30)

Come, Graceful Rose

Martin

Chancel Choir

Vicki Deady, Judy Bermudez, Samantha Lampron, soloists

*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 that creation is inextricably linked.

We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.

We believe that God invites us to live into that truth—

to love without abandon,

to see the good in one another,

to trust that all belong to God.

We know that this life of connection is easier said than done,

which is why we gather in this space, week after week,

generation after generation, to be reminded:

We see God in each other.

This we believe. Amen.

*HYMN

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Held

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

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come.
Hope of all, heaven and earth, come, O Jesus, come.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

*Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come.
Hope of all, heaven and earth, come, O Jesus, come.*

Come, Graceful Rose

*Come, graceful Rose, we wait for You. Awake our song, our joy renew.
Come to our world, Your hope release, and cover all with perfect peace.
O graceful Rose, we reach in faith to touch Your beauty, know Your way.
How flawless is Your fair design, a portrait of God's love divine.*

*Come, graceful Rose, adorn the night. We wait in shadows for Your light.
The garden longs to be restored. The earth is yearning for her Lord.
O graceful Rose, O perfect bloom, we pray Your coming will be soon.
Until that day, we will prepare and clear our hearts to plant You there.*

*Rejoice! Emmanuel is coming.
Rejoice! Come, save us Lord, we pray.*

*Come graceful Rose, with beauty rare,
Bloom in our night with fragrance fair.
For wounded lives, Your heart is torn. For every tear, You bear the thorn.
O graceful Rose, Your garden prays, come heal our fallen world today.
Let mercy fall. Let healing start. Come, graceful Rose, from heaven's heart.*

PRAYER REQUESTS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- ☐ For Michael and his wife Cindy (friend of Betsy O'Connor).
- ☐ For anyone grieving during the Advent season.
- ☐ For all the college students taking finals, and traveling for Christmas break.
- ☐ For Terry who suffered a stroke (from Nancy Beaman).
- ☐ 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.

Fairport United Women in Faith honored Nancy Hoffmann

UWIF honored Nancy with a mission pin for all her mission work within our church, and community, at our Woman's Christmas Communion Service Monday night.

SAVE THE DATES

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)

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25

9:30am *One Service*****

New Year's Day Service - Sunday, January 1st

9:30am *One Service*****

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sunday Dinner Ministry - still looking for more delivery people!

Sunday Dinner could use a few more volunteers to help deliver meals to our grateful recipients. FUMC cooks and delivers meals on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Delivery volunteers pick the meals up from the kitchen at Noon and can expect the delivery to take about 30-45 minutes depending on route. Most of the deliveries are in the Fairport/Perinton area. The commitment can be monthly or less than that, as your schedule permits.

Please reach out to Louise Kurz (louise.kurz@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

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.

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!**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday</i> , December 18	8am 9am 9 & 10:30am 10am 11:30am 4pm 6pm 6:45pm	Early Choir - 113, S Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K Confirmation Mission / Outreach Jr and Sr High Youth Group Morning Glory Choir - 113 Chamber Choir - 113
<i>Monday</i> , December 19	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH UMM Study Group
<i>Tuesday</i> , December 20	12 & 4pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	The Bible Year Study Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 Outreach
<i>Wednesday</i> , December 21	1:30pm 7pm	Star Group (204) Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday</i> , December 22	6:30pm 8pm	Bell Choir - S Chamber Choir - 113
<i>Friday</i> , December 23	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday</i> , December 24	12pm 3:15pm 4, 8, 10pm	Al Anon- P Joyful Noise - 206 <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>
<i>Sunday</i> , December 25	9:30am 11:30am	Worship Sunday Dinner - K

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operators: Rick Hessney

Reader: 9am - Lori Lorraine 10:30am - Tom Deever

***Christmas 2022
Poinsettias***

In Celebration of . . .

Our children and grandchildren, from Rich and Susie Law

Our family, from Fran and Dan Mealey

My family and friends, from Jennie Guy

The special people who provide rides to Aaron Engle,

from Aaron and The Millards

Our children and grandchildren,

from Loren and Nancy Romagnola

Our Savior's Birth!, from Richelle Goff

In Honor of . . .

Nancy Beaman, from Dodie Maier

My children, from Carol Christensen

Nicole, from the Bell Choir, with thanks

Our parents, John and Lenora DeRoos,

from Mike and Vicki Deady

Tobin, Julie, Kathryn, and Laura,

from Larry and Susan Newman

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from Tobin, Julie, Kathryn, and Laura

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In Memory of . . .

Loved ones, from Jennie and Brad Guy

Our parents, from Rich and Susie Law

Loved ones, from Carlee Brown and Rick Hill

Allen and Carol Fowler, from Abbi D'Angelo

Aloha Engert, from Tammy Engert

Eleanor Quinn, from Harriet Caputo

Bob and Marilyn Stone, from Ron and Jane Tucker

Coribel and George Stilts, from Sandy Baldwin

Jan Goble (sister-in-law), from Judy and El Darrer

Brenda Jean Tastor (sister), from Carol Tastor

Brenda Jean Tastor (daughter), from Marilyn Tastor

My dad, Ray Maier, from Nancy Beaman

George Aberle, from Mary Martin

Edward P. Simpson, from his children

Len and Delores Lang, and David Baldwin, from Mark and Jen Lang

Frank and Beverly Rose, and Joseph and Marion Romagnola,

from Loren and Nancy Romagnola

John Michaels, Wanda Ward, and Joe DePaolis

from Bill and Linda Mackenzie

Betty L. Mee (mother), Terry Mee (brother), and Alan (brother),

from Greta Crowell, and Bob and Phoebe Grow

Henry Dilger (brother of Bob), from the Robert Dilger Family

William Keller (son-in-law & husband to Audrey),

from Bob and Connie Dilger, and Audrey Keller and family