

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

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! Sunday School (Children / Youth) is at 9am.

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 use all gluten/dairy free bread. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

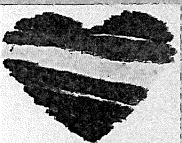
*indicates to stand in body or spirit

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 AS GOD'S PEOPLE →

The chimes call us to gather.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Mallory

Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship. **Welcome to worship.**

I am glad you're here. **I am glad you're here.**

Surely God is in this space. **Surely God is in this space.**

I see God in your face. **I see God in your face.**

Let us worship together. **Let us worship together.**

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

verses 1-4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

How does a weary world practice peace?

By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to.

By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor.

By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven.

By choosing grace over hate and opening the door for each other.

There are a million ways to practice peace.

So today we light the candle of peace as a reminder and a charge.

With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

— LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

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)

Credo in Candlelight
(from *A Journey to Joy*)

Martin

Chancel Choir — Aidan Zajkowski, soloist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

Joy Leinenbach

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH 209

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:24-45

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

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?
We Find Joy in Connection

Rev. Richelle Goff

— RESPONDING IN LOVE —

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Angels We Have Heard on High
Bell Choir

arr. Sherman

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 94) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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!**

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.

— GOING INTO GOD’S WORLD —

BLESSING FOR JUDY AND ELMER DARRER (10:30)

Congregational Response:

**We feel sorrow in your leaving,
yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life.
We will miss your love and support,
yet we know you will add much to the lives
of those who will be your new church family,
as you have added much to our lives.
We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that joy is a sacred gift,
existing on a plane deeper than happiness,
stemming from the truth that we belong to God.**

**We believe that joy is not meant for isolation.
Joy is meant to be shared,
weaving us together in laughter and in hope.**

**And when joy feels impossibly out of reach,
we believe that part of being sacred community
is leaning on one another.**

**So together we say:
I will share my joy when yours runs out.
You will share your joy when mine runs out.
And in doing so, we will both see God.
Amen.**

***HYMN**

I Can Celebrate You

see insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major

Bach

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For John (Nancy Beaman's uncle) who had a stroke Dec 4th.
- For college students taking exams.
- For Lou Eltscher, hospitalized with congestive heart failure and needing peace and comfort.
- For Heather Malvarosa (Holly Warren's sister) who is in declining health.
- For Gary Duchano (Richelle's uncle) who has been in ICU and will be coming home on hospice care.
- For Emily Pedersen, and all the band members, on their trip to Florida.
- For people everywhere dealing with extreme weather and hazardous conditions.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst of the horror of war.

We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:

Becky Gualtieri, Julie & Tom Kielbasinski, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George, Shirley Robinson, John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin, Frank Mueller, Courtney & Joshua Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha, Pat Hemmenway, John Hall, Jen Simpson, Martha McNeill, Genevieve, Ron Tucker, Joanne Mason, Carol Mueller, Jean Seidel, Kathy Walters

We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes:

Shirley Ward, Cindy Jack, Carol Snow, Ruth Howard,
Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh,
Wally Robinson (CT), Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all your prayers for baby Eli. He is home with his parents and two big brothers. They so much appreciate your kindness.

Lori Lorraine

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Flowers are given by Holly Warren in memory of Bobbie Millen,
and by Harriet Caputo to the Grace of God.

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SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Credo in Candlelight

Luminare. Come, graceful Light! Come.

Hope is a candle, beaming with light. Hope is a song in the silence of night.

Hope is a star, silver and bright. I believe in hope.

Peace is a rose, blooming so fair. Peace is a dove soaring free through the air.

Peace is a dream all people share. I believe in peace.

Years we have waited and longed for the day,

With hearts full of faith as we worshipped and prayed,

Trusting one day for a star in the night, a wonderful, marvelous, glorious light.

Luminare. Come, graceful Light! Come.

Love is like music with rhythm and rhyme,

A beautiful dance that is spinning in time.

Love is a grace, a gift so sublime. I believe in love.

True joy is a healer that makes the heart whole,

A clear sparkling fountain refreshing the soul.

Joy is a trumpet that's made of purest gold.

I believe in joy. I believe in love. I believe in peace. I believe in hope.

Luminare. Come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates

12/10 Christmas Cantata - 3pm

12/18 Women's Communion Svc. -7pm

12/24 4th Sunday of Advent - 9:30am
(1 Morning Service)

12/24 Christmas Eve Worship - 4 & 8pm

12/31 New Year's Eve Worship - 9:30am
(Only 1 Service)

Euchre!

When: Saturday, 12/16/23 at 3:30 pm

Where: In Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome.

Pizza will be served at 6:30 pm.

For questions, please call or text

Eric Leinenbach at 585-748-1233.

New Member Class - Dec 10th

This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Fairport UMC's vision, values and how to get connected here. Attending the class is the first step to becoming a member. Join Pastor Richelle in the parlor after the 10:30 service to learn more about the United Methodist church / membership. *New members will be joining the church on December 17th!*

An Unlikely Advent - Dec 12th & 19th

Santa, elves, reindeer and ... the baby Jesus. Sometimes our sacred and secular journey to Christmas can become fuzzy and the business of life takes over.

We invite you to participate in the season of Advent with worship and study. You can read on your own or join an upcoming class for Advent.

Classes will be Tuesdays at Noon and 6:30 p.m.

Update on Pledge Drive from Stewardship and Finance

Thanks to all who have pledged for 2024.

We are now at \$309,006 toward our goal of \$325,000. There is still time to assist us as we make important budget decisions for next year.

You can do so using the links in the E-News, or by calling the church office and requesting a pledge card.

THANK YOU!

Advent Giving Center

(See table in back of narthex)

Each Advent we have an opportunity to help those in our community.

***Deadline for all donated items:
December 17.***

FUMC Staff Gift Donation from the Staff Parish Relations Committee

As we remember all of the people important to our lives this Christmas season, please consider a monetary gift donation to our FUMC staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year helping us along on our faith journeys.

To make a monetary gift donation to our staff, simply make out a check to the church and indicate "Staff Gift" on the memo line. - which can be placed in the Staff Gift Box in the Narthex.

A donation can also be made online from the church's web site using the "Staff Gift" designation or by texting the word "Give" to 585-575-1202 - use "Staff" after the amount donated.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will coordinate the group gift.

This is another opportunity for us to show our appreciation to Richelle, Nicole, Joy, Jamie, and Kevin for all their hard work this past year.

Thank you for considering a donation.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, December 10</i>	9am 9:00 & 10:30am 11:30am 11:45am 3pm 4pm	Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship New Member Class Cantata Choir Luncheon - K/FH Cantata Performance - S Cantata Reception - P
<i>Monday, December 11</i>	1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts- FH, UWIF Leadership - P Men's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, December 12</i>	10:15am 12pm & 6:30pm 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P Advent Bible Study - 204 Joyful Noise Choir - 206 Finance
<i>Wednesday, December 13</i>	7pm	Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday, December 14</i>	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S, Girl Scout COA - FH
<i>Friday, December 15</i>	9am 10:30am	Cooking Ministry - K Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday, December 16</i>	12pm 4pm	Al Anon - FH Church Euchre - FH
<i>Sunday, December 17</i>	8am 9am 9:00 & 10:30am 4pm	Early Choir - 113, S Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

Ministers - All God's People

Pastor - Rev. Richelle Goff

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Administrative Assistant - Kevin Gordon

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Custodian - Jamie Gualtieri

HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operators: Julie and Tobin Woodruff

Readers: 9am - Bill MacKenzie 10:30am - Tom Deever

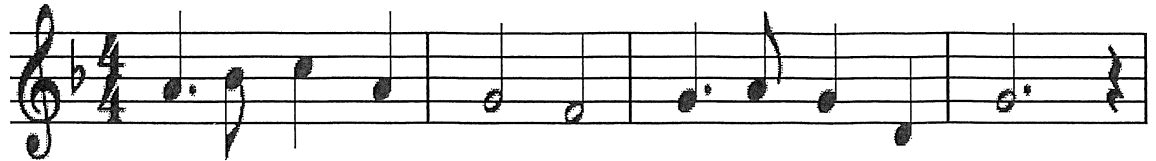
Feed the Spirit: Jennie Guy

I Can Celebrate You

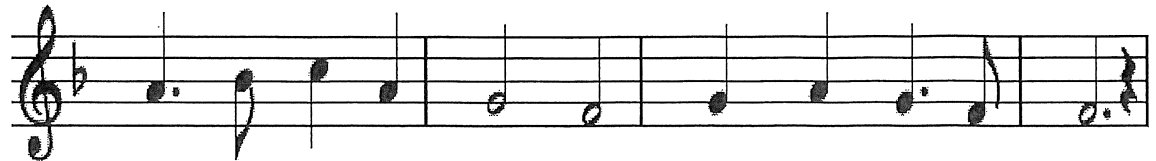
CRANHAM ("In the Bleak Midwinter")

Text: Anna Strickland (2023)

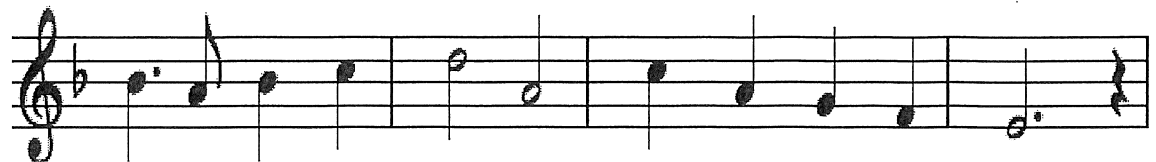
Music: Gustav Holst (1906)



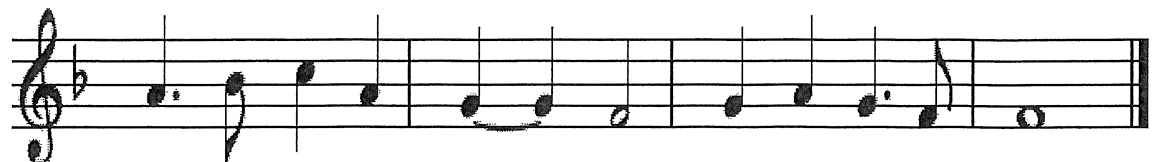
I can cel - e - brate you, I can hold your joy
I can re - cog - nize good fruit that you will bear
We can hold each oth - er in our joy and fear



When the load is crush - ing and you've lost your voice
When your own self - doubt hides gifts you have to share
Know - ing that the Spir - it moves when we are near



I can cel - e - brate the pro - mise your life holds
I can re - cog - nize your Christ - light deep with - in
We can hold each oth - er, lift each oth - er up



When the wear - i - ness bears hea - vy on your soul
Ev - ery gift that God has sown wait - ing to be - gin
Fill - ing one a - noth - er from the Spir - it's cup

