

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! We at Fairport UMC want you to know that no matter where you've come from or where you are going; what you believe or what you may doubt; what you are feeling or just not feeling; what you have or don't have; and no matter the color of your skin, who you love or how you identify - all of who you are is welcomed into this community of faith by a God who loves you and knows you by name. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world.

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 welcome)! We also have a nursery that is open to little ones. You are invited to drop your child off or stay with them. Worship is livestreamed in the nursery so no one misses a thing! On communion Sundays we encourage you to retrieve your child and participate in communion together!

Note: Sunday School (children/youth/adult) during the school year is at 9am.

OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and everyone (including children) is welcome at the table. We use gluten/dairy free bread and grape juice.

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 →

The chimes call us to gather as a community to prepare our hearts to worship God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Saw Three Ships

arr. Eithun

Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

What, then, should we do?

Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.

What, then, should we do?

God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel.

What then, children of God, should you do?

We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy.

Amen.

*HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

UMH 218

— LISTENING —

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. With joy we remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together. (*Light the third candle*)

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

ANTHEM (10:30)

Upon the Wind, There Comes a Song
from *Tidings of Joy*

Martin

Chancel Choir — Dan Adams and Steve Triola, soloists

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN

View the Present Through the Promise

W&S 3048

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:7-18

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

The Promise of Restoration

Rev. Richelle Goff

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

— RESPONDING —

We respond to hearing God's word through the offering, prayer, and monthly communion.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Bell Choir

arr. Dobrinski

*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.

— SENDING —

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

*HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Held

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

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Jennie Guy in celebration of her niece's birthday,
Happy Birthday, Cheryl!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Brook Richardson who is in the hospital with a blood clot in his lung and increased heart rate. Both are being treated with medication
- For Erika Maxwell, who had hand surgery recently.
- For Jean, Marjorie Rose's sister, who is ill.
- For everyone affected by natural disasters.
- For our country, and for peace in our world.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst of war.
- Joanne Bater is recovering well after a heart ablation procedure and she thanks everyone for their prayers and well wishes.

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

Becky Gualtieri, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George, Shirley Robinson,
Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney Pedersen, Jeff Latsha, Carrick, Ron Tucker,
Heather Malvarosa, Katrina Relyea, Jen Simpson, Annie Taggart,
Brenden MacKenzie, Bob Grow, Dave, Judy Boyer, Bill Woollie,
Sharon Hegeman, Marty Schuh, Carol Christensen

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

Ruth Howard, Jane Leonard, Gary Nelson, Carol Snow, Cindy Stanton,
Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh, Wally Robinson (CT),
Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)

SERVICE MUSIC TEXT

Upon the Wind, There Comes a Song

*Upon the wind, there comes a song, a theme that will set the world to singing,
A long expected hymn of hope, a dream that, from long ago, was ringing!
From ancient times, great prayers would rise, the silent stars imploring.
But now the music of a thousand harps, above our doubt, is soaring.
Upon the wind, there comes a song, from heaven's heart is flowing.
Like sacred snow, it falls on all, God's gentle peace bestowing.
And every scar becomes a star, and every wound finds healing.
Each flawless phrase is rich with grace, God's perfect love revealing.
Awake, awake, your song has come. Arise and tune your heart for service.
For with the rising of the sun, your life at last will find its purpose.
The night is done, the day begun, the dawn is gold with glory!
For God is singing to the world His love, and calls us all to share the story.
Upon the wind, there comes a song, a theme that will set the world to singing!*

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Hymns: The United Methodist Publishing House; Oxford University Press

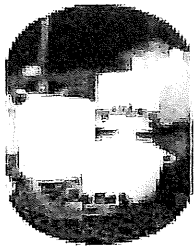
Theme: A Weary World Rejoices by Kate Bowler Call to worship: Written by Dr. Lisa

Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024. Other Liturgy:

[https://presbyterian.ca/worship/Candle Lighting Liturgy](https://presbyterian.ca/worship/Candle%20Lighting%20Liturgy): UM Discipleship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT



Let's prepare alongside
each other, by
becoming present to
the here and now and
sharing what we have
with others.

Giving Center

*Please stop by the Advent Giving Center,
located in the parlor.*

ADVENT
SMALL GROUP

12PM
TUESDAYS
DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

Gifts of JOY
A Celtic Christmas Celebration
 Choral, Organ, & Harp/Bell Music
 for Advent & Christmas

December 14 at 7pm
December 15 at 9pm

Fairport United Methodist Church
 31 West Church Street
 Fairport, NY 14850

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Musicians: Joseph M. Starn
 2014

**Order
 your
 Christmas
 poinsettias.**

Order forms are in the Narthex.

Orders will be taken through Dec 17th.

*You are welcome to take your poinsettia home
 after church on December 29th
 (or anytime that week).*

*After the Cantata, stay tuned (pun intended) for lots of music
 on Christmas Eve at 4pm, 8pm, and 10pm!*

Joyful Noise Choir, Chamber Choir, Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, soloists, and a duet!
 More details in this week's e-news!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4pm
 Children's Service

8pm
 Traditional Service

10pm
 Communion Service

**FAIRPORT
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
 31 West Church St. Fairport, NY

Special Music and candlelight at each service.
 Livestreamed: fairportumc.org

Staff Christmas Gift

Help us show appreciation to our dedicated staff at
 Fairport UMC! Drop off your donation at church,
 online or by mail. Thank you!

Beyond These Walls Food Donation Sign-up

On Sunday, December 22, a team of volunteers will be going to Sanctuary House to serve a meal. To supplement our main entree prepared by the cooking team, please consider donating cucumbers, apple juice, cherry tomatoes, salad dressing, and butter. A sign-up sheet for the needed food items is on the bulletin board across from the church office. **Donations labeled BTW** will need to be in the church kitchen by the evening of Thursday, December 19. *Thank you!*



Thank you to:

- Paul Fisher for all the time he put into troubleshooting & defrosting the commercial freezer in the kitchen.
- Kathy Whitlock for being our guest pianist for the Women's Advent Communion Service on Monday.

Take action to reduce child poverty in New York State

Join FUMC's Social Justice Team in urging Gov Hochul to take bold action in her 2026 Executive Budget to cut child poverty in NYS by half by 2032.

See our display in the parlor. Sign the petition there or at bit.ly/SIGNON



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 15	8am 9am 10:30am 11:45am 1:30pm 2pm 3pm 4pm	Bell Choir - S Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Cantata Choir Luncheon - FH Bell Choir - S Cantata Choir - S Cantata Performance: Tidings of Joy Cantata Reception - Parlor
Monday, December 16	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 Scouts - FH
Tuesday, December 17	10am Noon 6:30pm 7pm	Staff Meeting - P Advent Small Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206 Trustees - Zoom
Wednesday, December 18	11:30am 7pm	Joy Club - P Chancel Choir - 113, S
Thursday, December 19	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
Friday, December 20	9am 10:30am	Cooking Ministry - K Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
Saturday, December 21	Noon	Al Anon – FH
Sunday, December 22	8am 9am 10:30am 12:30pm 5pm	Early Choir - 113 Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Worship Sunday Dinner - K Beyond These Walls Shelter Visit

MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Livestream Operator: Ken Fischer

Readers: 9am – Martha McNeill 10:30am – Emily Pedersen

Advent Wreath Lighters: 10:30am - Paul & Ellie Robinson