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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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## 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

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*  
Keith Reas, organ

Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice in the wilderness cries out:

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.

**The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.**

A voice in the wilderness cries out:

**All people shall see the salvation of God!**

Lift up your hearts in expectation!

**We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world once more.**

\*HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

— LISTENING —

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

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Too often, as we read the news of the day, violence between people and nations only seems to be growing as technology makes war more efficient and more destructive.

**Too often, as we look at ourselves, the burdens of money, work, strained relationships, and illness seem to leave our lives in turmoil.**

Yet, with the poets of old, we look for your peace that defies our understanding and our expectations, making smooth our paths toward fullness of life in you.

*(the second candle is lit)*

**As we light the candle of peace, O God, we pray that your warmth would fill us amidst the chaos of our lives and our world, that we might feel your Spirit sustaining us even in those moments we feel most helpless and in pain.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

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)

*A Festival Gathering of Carols*  
from *Tidings of Joy*  
Chancel Choir

Martin

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

UMH 209

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

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 Compassion

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

*Drop Down Dew, Ye Heavens, From Above*

Demessieux

\*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<sup>\*</sup>, 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.**

<sup>\*</sup>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

*All Earth Is Waiting*

UMH 210

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major*

Lübeck

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

*We welcome Keith Reas and thank him for substituting  
while Nicole attends Rebecca's All State Choir concert!*

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

are from Jen Lang, Happy Birthday Colleen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glad tidings to Brook & Carol Richardson on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!
- For Heather Malvarosa (Holly Warren's sister), who had another seizure.
- For Tammy Engert's sister in law.
- 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.

*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,  
Jeff N., Jane Leonard, 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

### A Festival Gathering of Carols

*Arise and shine, your Light will come on Christmas day!*  
*Arise and shine, your Light will come on Christmas day in the morning!*  
*Rejoice, rejoice prepare the way for Christmas day.*  
*Rejoice, rejoice prepare the way for Christmas day in the morning!*  
*On Christmas day, the people sing to share the news the angels bring!*  
*Arise and shine, your Light will come on Christmas day!*  
*On Christmas day, the people sing to hear the news the angels bring!*  
*News of great joy and of great mirth, news of our blessed Savior's birth!*

*All people now rejoice with heart and soul and voice.*  
*Share with all the joyful news: Jesus Christ is coming soon.*  
*Let the world prepare the way! Joy will come on Christmas day!*  
*Christ is coming soon!*

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day!*  
*Let the heavens ring! Rise and greet the King!*  
*All creation rejoice and sing!*

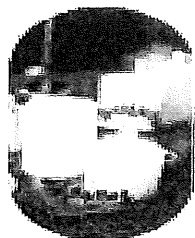
## PERMISSIONS

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Hymns: The United Methodist Publishing House; Hope Publishing Co. Theme: A Weary World  
Rejoices by Kate Bowler Prayers: <https://presbyterian.ca/worship/> Candle Lighting Liturgy:  
<https://plagalcadence.wordpress.com/2019/12/20/liturgy-for-lighting-advent-candles/>

## 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

**Today!**

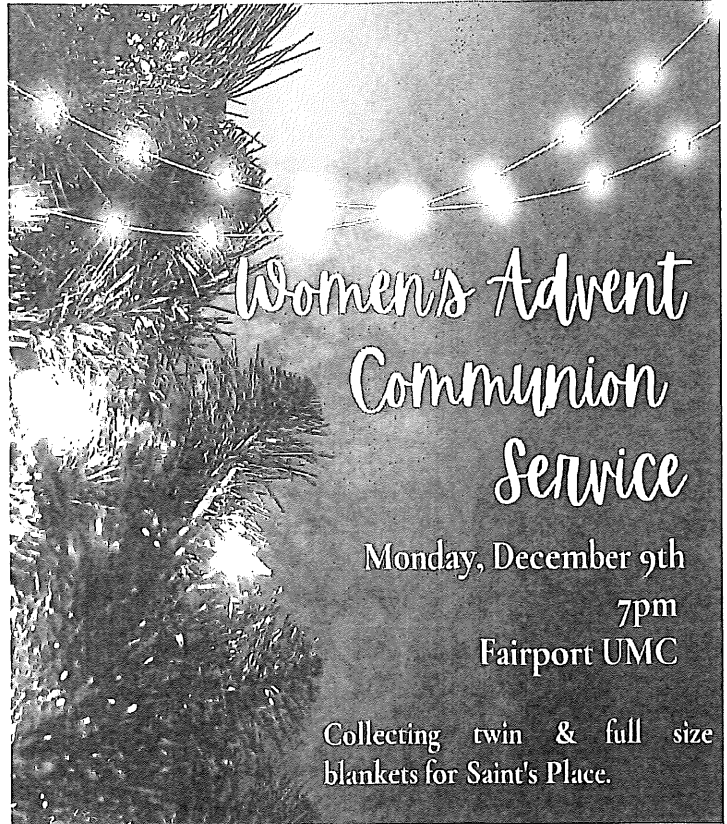


Fairport United Methodist Church, 31 W Church Street, Fairport

**BREAKFAST with SANTA**



**Tomorrow!**



**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 the proposals at our display in the parlor. Sign the petition there or at [bit.ly/SIGNON](https://bit.ly/SIGNON)



## 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!*



**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*

**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](http://fairportumc.org)

## Pledge Campaign Report

As we near the end of the year we are happy to report that we are approaching our goal for pledged giving as determined by next year's budget. We are confident that we can reach that goal as we hope to hear from a number of individuals and families who have pledged in the past, but have not done so yet this year.

***Thank you for all who have pledged!***

Anyone who wishes to make a pledge can use the link in E-News  
or use this info: [fairportumc.org/donate/](http://fairportumc.org/donate/)

***Thank you so much and stay tuned for more updates.***

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	9am 10am / 11:30 10:30am	Worship, Adult Forum, Sunday School Breakfast with Santa -FH Worship
<b>Monday, December 9</b>	1pm 7pm	Godmothers - 204 UWF Women's Communion - S &P, Scouts - FH
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b>	10am Noon 6:30pm   7pm	Staff Meeting - P Advent Small Group - 204 Joyful Noise - 206   UWF Leadership -204
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	11:30am 7pm   8:15pm	Joy Group - offsite Cantata Choir - 113, S   Chancel Choir - 113, S
<b>Thursday, December 12</b>	4:30pm 8pm 7pm	Social Justice - Zoom Bell Choir - S CMT - Zoom
<b>Friday, December 13</b>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group (offsite)
<b>Saturday, December 14</b>	9am Noon 5pm 6pm 7pm	Cantata Dress Rehearsal - 113, P, S Al Anon – FH Bell Choir - S Cantata Choir - S Cantata Performance: Tidings of Joy
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	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

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

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**Custodian** - Jamie Gualtieri

### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Julie Woodruff

**Readers:** 9am – Vicki Deady 10:30am – Steve Taylor

**Advent Wreath Lighters:** 9am - Marlene Farrington & Betsy O'Connor