Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Advent One: Year B Nov. 29, 2026
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** All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*
Prelude Accompanist: Rowen Erickson
Words of Welcome and Good News.
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
L: O Holy One, we light this first candle in the midst of the stories of the last year as a sign of hope to come; Let it burn through these weeks as a beacon to become "The light of Hope." Let it guide us to your presence in our midst, leading us to your Justice and Joy in the service of Peace.
P: God be with us in this Light of Hope.

ADVENT VISUAL REFLECTION: Learning to Hope From: TWOTP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Isaiah 64)
L: Tear open the heavens and bring forth your presence. We watch and we wait for the glory to come.
P: We gather with hope, remembering your mercy. Lead us in love; shine from above.
L: Awaken the earth, enflame and enflesh; we watch, and we wait for what's birthing ahead.
P: We gather with hope, remembering your justice. Revive us, restore us; shine from above.
L: Make us your love wave to broaden your reach. We watch and we wait for your deeds to appear.
P: We gather with hope, remembering your handiwork. Make us, mold us; shine from above.

*HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" R76/Projected

*INVOCATION
ALL: El Shaddai – God of the mountains who quake at your presence, You meet us in our memory of you. We'd invite you to come down and dwell among us, yet we know that you are already and always with us—Emmanuel, in our collective memory from ages past—God beside us, God before us, God behind us, and God within us. Let your face shine so that we might remember you more clearly. Give us life and we will call on your name as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Spirit of the Living God" B283/Projected

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 64:1-9
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CALL TO CONFESSION
L: John the Baptist called people to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of God's reign. Let us, too, repent, that we may be ready for God who comes to us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL: God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love. We admit, that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn now to you in repentance and openness to your Spirit.

Forgive us and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ and reveal your reign on earth. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
L: God says: Remember these things, O Israel, for you are my servant; you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. I say to you in the name of Jesus the Christ, our sins are forgiven.
P: Amen!
(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:24-37

A TIME OF LEARNING: "What is Advent" Projected

SUN. SPECIAL MUSIC: "Canon of Praise" Senior Choir

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: An Advent Creed by Lisa Frenz Projected

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us; Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place/ I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace/ I can hear the brush of angel's wings/ I see glory on each face/Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

MEDITATION: "You are Our Father" Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" Vs. 1,2,3,5 R77/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: In this moment, we gather our time, talent, and treasure, and offer them to the Holy One. As we do so, we remember the many ways that you have gifted and do gift us with much. Amen.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Righteous One, receive these gifts that we gladly gathered and offered to you. May they be sent forth for the transforming of the conditions in which we live and love. Amen.

*BENEDICTION: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Postlude

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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Julie Stellmacher *Nov. 27,* ***Dennis Burk*** *Dec. 1*

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 139	Total: 145
Sunday:	In-Person: 58	Livestream: 130	Total: 188

General Fund: $1,338.00 OCWM: $56.00 Capital Improvements: $80.00

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

A/V: John Kwiatkoske/Phil Wepner **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell **Musician:** Rowen Erickson
Gatekeepers: Rick & Barb Stracy **Greeters:** Team 1

CHRISTMAS DECORATING OPPORTUNITIES

Advent begins on November 29th, how this year is flying along. That also means it is time to decorate our Sanctuary and church for Christmas! Please joins us on Friday, November 27th, at 9:00 am to help set up the Christmas trees.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, November 28th, at 9:00 am to help decorate the trees and our church. There will be coffee and donuts are provided as well. Thank you!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

This year OSUCC has signed up with Salvation Army for bell ringing/kettle tending on Friday, December 11th for a ½ day only. All slots are filled but contact the office if you'd still like to help and we'll work you in with another person in a slot. Thank you to our intrepid bell ringers!

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL BAGS

Ripon Community Food Pantry is providing Thanksgiving meal bags to the families in our community who utilize the food pantry again this year. They will also do Christmas meal bags in December. Currently over 200 families in our community utilize the pantry each month.

Donations for the Thanksgiving meal bag totaled $1,705, equal to 34 meals! Thank you so much! Rev. Kevin took the checks over to the pantry on Nov. 24th. Along with member donations, Church Council gave $500 and another $300 was given by Nancy Henning from donations from the Sharing Table Community Meals and Member Breakfasts. Thank you to all!

$400 has already been given toward the Christmas meals, so we are on the way for that as well!

HARVEST INGATHERING

Thank you for helping those in our area who are struggling with food insecurities through your generous donations! There was plentiful food donated along with a monetary donation as well.

CHRISTMAS RED POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Altar Guild is using Fancy Foliage in Rosendale this year as our poinsettia provider and we anticipate a much better quality plant than what we received last year from the other provider. The cost for a 6" pot is $15 and the order deadline is Monday, December 7th by noon. The order form is available in the East Narthex, church office, and in the Chapel.

Please plan to pick up your plant after the services because we can't donate them to hospitals or assisted care and nursing home facilities any longer. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.

Suggested items for November are: Peanut butter; jam and jelly; canned tuna, chicken, salmon, stew; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; dehydrated, condensed, evaporated or shelf stable milk; kid-friendly healthy after school snacks; canned fruits; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned soups; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; flour; white sugar; brown sugar; baking soda; baking powder; condiments; salad dressing; cooking oil; pancake syrup; brownie, cookie and cake mix. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Brent Heitmann, Emily McGuire, Wilma Koplin, Maggie Moon, Sharon Provenzano, Mark Sabel, the family and friends of Martin Hammen, and 14 Unspoken.*

BLUE CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF HEALING

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 17th, at 6:30pm for this special service for anyone struggling with the holidays. Many of us struggle this time of year as we remember those we love who have gone ahead as well as day-to-day worries about family, finances, health, jobs, relationships, etc. This is really a service for us all.

The service is held here in the Sanctuary at OSUCC in collaboration with Grace Lutheran Church and all in the Ripon area community are welcome to attend.