

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Advent Two Year C December 05 & 08, 2024

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

ADVENT VISUAL REFLECTION: The Anticipation of Peace from The Skit Guys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Peace

L: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Mal. 3:2b-3).

P: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

L: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. (Second candle is lit)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Underneath life's expanding shadows,

P: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

L: On the dusty roads of life's wilderness

P: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

L: As we near the top of mountains, rejoicing under the sunlight,

P: We call out "Pave the way for our God!"

***HYMN: "Come, thou Long Expected Jesus"**

R79/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy Fountain of Compassion, Deep in the heart of this journey, we search for peace-filled moments of contemplation. We crave the joy that is found in the stillness of prayer. As we share this time with you, may we experience your beloved joy, knowing that our petitions bring us closer to you and our neighbors. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey**
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,

I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Malachi 3:1-4

WITNESS OF FAITH: Luke 1:68-79

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: Thanks. Come, Lord Jesus!

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6

A TIME OF LEARNING: "Advent Symbols" with Purple Pete Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed Projected

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Coventry Carol" by Robert Croo Voices Ala Carte

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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.**

HYMN: “Prepare the Way” with Bethel Music

Projected

MEDITATION: “Yes, Make Ready”

Rev. Jeffrey Dodson

HYMN: “Come Down, O Love Divine”

R147/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: As we share in God’s grace, we seek ways to share our gratitude with God and our neighbors. Through prayer and pondering, we discover new ways to give our offerings of talents, treasures, and time with a joyful spirit.

OFFERTORY

*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: God of All Joy, We give thanks each time we remember your gifts in our lives. Our gratitude extends to the ways we can use our gifts of time, talent, and treasures. May your boundless wisdom compel us to use our energies in ways that will share the most love in our world. 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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Tues. Dec. 3 5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC
6:30 pm - Den Meetings for Pack 3735
- Thur. Dec. 5 5:00 pm - Senior Choir Practice in the Chapel
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
6:30 pm - "Christmas in the Air" concert and Reception
- Sun. Dec. 8 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - 2nd Sunday of Advent
10:15 am - Children's Pageant Practice, please be prompt! :)
10:30 am - Adult Education
- Deadline for the Ripon Santa Club Donations, thank you!**

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Mon. Dec. 9 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Dec. 10 5:00 pm - Free Community Meal at Grace Evangelical Lutheran
6:30 pm - Den Meetings for Pack 3735. Pinewood Derby cars given out
- Thur. Dec. 12 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice
5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse
- Fri. Dec. 13 **Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Hy-Vee**
- Sat. Dec. 14 Holiday Bake Sale items need to be at church by noon, please.
Missions will plate, wrap, and price the items.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun. Dec. 15 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - 3rd Sunday of Advent
and the **Sunday School Children's Pageant**
10:00 am - Holiday Bake Sale
- Wed. Dec. 18 **Deadline for Traded Treasurers Christmas Holiday Meal donations**
- Thurs. Dec. 19 6:30 pm - **Blue Christmas Ecumenical Service**



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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. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

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

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 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 also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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*Noah Koller, Jackson Rahn, and Douglas Schrader Dec 7, Lea Salas Dec 8,
Jane Coats, Joel Hahn and Jean Schuster Dec 11*

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 0	Livestream: 0	Total: 0
Sunday:	In-Person: 85	Livestream: 140	Total: 225

General Fund: \$3,828.00 OCWM: \$239.00 Capital Improvements: \$253.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Keith Mulder **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

REV. MUNDELL OUT OF TOWN

Sunday, December 8th, Pastor Jeffrey Dodson will be filling in for Rev. Mundell, who will be out of town attending a Rotary event. Please contact a Council member if you have an emergency.

SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE ON DECEMBER 5TH

On Thursday, December 5th, the Senior Choir will meet at 5 pm in the Chapel for practice.

CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR CONCERT

Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 pm is the much anticipated "Christmas is in the Air" organ and piano concert featuring Jared Stellmacher and Terri Wilke! We're all so excited! There is a reception following the concert, and a free will offering benefiting the Ripon Santa Club is appreciated, but not required. The concert will be Livestreamed by Conrad Winkelman for those who are unable to attend in person.

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *December* are:

All Purpose Flour, vanilla extract (imitation is ok), vegetable oil, cookie decorating sprinkles, frosting, sugar cookie mix, white sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, chocolate chips, walnuts, raisins, baking soda, salt, oatmeal, peanut butter. Thank you so much to those who have already donated!



BEAUTY SURROUNDS US - THANK YOU!

Here at OSUCC we are now surrounded by the beauty of the season everywhere one looks! A huge heartfelt thank you goes out to all who came on Friday and Saturday to help make our church look so wonderful for the Christmas season. You've created a beautiful, peaceful, joyful place where we can all join together in celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Thank you!

CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS!

Grab a friend or two and sign up to ring for the Salvation Army! OSUCC is ringing all day on Friday, December 13th from 9 am to 6 pm at Hy-Vee. Shifts are 1 hour long, and you can sign up for as many as you would like. There is a signup sheet in the East Narthex and there are 2 shifts still open. If you have questions, please contact Amy Borgardt at 920-229-1694. Thank you for your support!

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE ON DECEMBER 15TH

Calling all who enjoy baking holiday goodies! The Mission Committee's Holiday Bake Sale will be Sunday, December 15th, the same Sunday as the Children's Pageant. Goodies can be anything from sweet breads to cakes, cookies, bars, pies, etc.—pretty much anything that makes a person's eyes get big and mouth hopeful for a bite!

There is a sign-up sheet in the East Narthex. If we could get the goodies all delivered to the church by noon on Saturday, December 14th, that gives the Missions Committee time to plate and price everything for the next day. Thanks so much!

TRADED TREASURES FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL PROGRAM

The Holiday Meal Program also will provide Christmas meals to families in our community, so we'll continue to accept monetary donations up until December 18th to help with that effort. Thank you so much!



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: Sandra Badtke, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, and
12 Unspoken***