

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Christmas One December 26 & 29, 2024

** All who are able please stand* *L: Leader; P: People*
Prelude Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Praise God from the heights! The Holy One is transcendent, radiant, and glorious.

P: Salvation, redemption, and liberation come from above and dwell among us.

L: Praise God from the earth! Emmanuel is humble, gracious, and near.

P: Past, present, and future rests in the work of our hands in God's hands.

L: Praise the name of God! I AM hears our cry, responds to our need, and still speaks to our spirits.

P: Blessing, honor, and power belong to our God. Praise God!

***HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" R89/Projected**

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Wise and Eternal God, you are sovereign over all the earth. Your works declare your greatness. Make your wisdom known to us as we gather in your holy name. 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: 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 148

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God loves this world of flesh and blood, stone and tree, sheep and oxen, star and field. God loves the world so much that God comes to us in Jesus. Yet we are careless with God's creation. Let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: How amazing is your love, great God! You are not distant from us in some faraway heaven; you have come close to us in a child born of simple parents and cradled in a borrowed bed of straw. We confess we abuse this created world. When we stand by while the earth is despoiled and its

destruction threatened, God, forgive. When we inflict physical or emotional pain on those with whom we share our lives, God, forgive. When we abuse or neglect our own bodies, God, forgive.

By your great love, God, draw us into new ways of living. Teach us to cherish and nurture life in this fragile world, in the manner of Jesus the Christ, whose birth we celebrate today. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: In compassion, God forgives us, enabling us to turn from the ways of violence and death; God shows us how to choose and cherish life. I say to you in the name of Jesus: Our sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God, let us Rejoice and Sing!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

A TIME OF LEARNING: “What is the True Meaning of Christmas?” Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: A Christmas 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**

HYMN: “Away in a Manger R93/Projected

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: “I Wonder as I Wander” R119/Projected

MEDITATION: “My Father’s House” Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “Go, tell it on the Mountain” R105/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: The blessings we receive-in wisdom, years, and favor-are meant to be shared. When we use these gifts to sustain the ministry of the church and respond to the needs of the community, we demonstrate the good news in the world. Let us give with boldness and boundless trust in the provision of the Creator of all.

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: Lavish God, collect these offerings so that the blessings and favor you have given to us may be shared among our neighbors with trust, hope, 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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Dec. 26	9:00 am - Church office reopens 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sun.	Dec. 29	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tues.	Dec. 31	Noon - Office Closes for the New Years Holiday
Wed.	Jan. 1	Happy New Year! The church office is closed.
Thur.	Jan. 2	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 5:45 pm - Lego Multiverse 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
Sun.	Jan. 5	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 10:00 am - Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Emily 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Adult Education
Mon.	Jan. 6	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Jan. 7	5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Our Saviour's UCC 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	Jan. 11	9:00 am - Christmas Tree and Christmas décor Take Down
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QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.





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

OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

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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***Peggy Buelow and Allyssa Schlieve Dec 26, Shirley Grams Dec 27,
Timothy Graff, Frederick Malzhan, and Cody Mundell Dec 29, Connie Turner Dec 31***

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 16	Livestream: 224	Total: 240
Sunday:	In-Person: 83	Livestream: 148	Total: 231

General Fund: \$3,039.00 OCWM: \$240.00 Capital Improvements: \$306.00

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: John Kwiatkoske **Liturgist:** Keith Mulder **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

THANK YOU FROM THE SANTA CLUB OF RIPON

Thank you so much to all who donated to the Santa Club of Ripon through monetary gift, gift cards, hats, gloves, and other items. We also very much appreciate having received a check for \$1,000 as one of the recipients of a percentage of the Turkey Dinner proceeds this year, as well as \$797 in good will offerings from the "Christmas is in the Air" concert. All this support and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, thank you!

It's your help that makes the Santa Club of Ripon a successful program for this community. Because of you and others in the community the club was able to help 80 families (that included 206 kids), and 59 seniors.

Recipients were given a box of gifts and a food box containing ham, milk, oranges, apples, potatoes, canned vegetables, dinner rolls and cookies. They were also able to get items like socks, underwear, coats, hats & gloves, diapers, feminine products, and other items.

A huge thanks to the OSUCC Confirmands, who helped pack food boxes along with sorting and hanging new winter coats. We have some amazing young adults in our church. God's Blessings to you all and Happy New Year.

Amy Borgardt and the Santa Club of Ripon

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The week of New Year's, our church office will be open from 9am - Noon on Monday, December 30th; Tuesday, December 31st; and Thursday, January 2nd.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Thank you to all who rang bells for the Salvation Army on December 13th, a total of \$803.19 was collected. All funds collected will be used locally.

Our ringers this year were Nancy Henning; Boni Jensen; Pat Gittens; Mary & Jim Schultz; Rick & Barb Stracy; Sue & Bob Meyer; Sue Wrzinski, Dennis & Emily Burk and Bennett; Amy & Steve Borgardt; Debbie, Madison, and Leighton Boers; Linda Neuenfeldt; Emmersyn Langenfeld; Philip Busse; Jeremy Schouten; and any others who may have joined in also.

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *January* are:



Oatmeal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (for emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper type meals; fresh fruits and vegetables; canned soups; canned chili; and tortillas.

The Ripon Community Food Pantry is now accepting donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and boxes of tissues. Next month they will add shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and bath soap.



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, Barb Schultz, Chris Wiegand, and 12 Unspoken.*

The Family and friends of Diane Miller, sister of Arnie Dahlke and Carol Grandt. Diane passed away on December 9th, 2024.