

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Christmas Two

January 2 & 5, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

GREETING

L: In many ways the Holy One has spoken of old, but now God has been made known in Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Let us sing a new song to the God who loves us and who receives us as children and heirs with Christ.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile and make new.

P: God has entered our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.

L: Therefore, we rejoice, praising God and singing:

ALL: Glory be to God in the highest, on earth peace to those who will the good. Christ is born. Alleluia!

*HYMN: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" R91/Projected

*INVOCATION

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

ALL: Our faces are sometimes lined with worry, O God; our days are full of stress and struggle. Yet we come today grateful that in the midst of this crowded and troubled world, your child was born, lived, and died, full of grace and truth. Surprise us with your presence; renew our sense of wonder; and give us peace and courage to live as your people in the world. May you be glorified in us, as in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We live as if Christ had never been born. We abuse the privileges that are ours as children of God. Let us confess our sin before God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God, you have come to us in Jesus, your true child, in whom you give us power to be your children. Yet, O God, we confess that we turn from your love, fearing the comfort and challenge of being your children. We are your own, yet we refuse you, clinging to the security of familiar ways rather than accepting the new life you offer. We tolerate hatred, violence, and injustice in the world you loved so well that you sent the child Jesus, begotten from your own being. We trust not in ourselves, but in your great compassion.

Forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us that we may live as your children and once again praise you, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Hear the good news, children of God: In Jesus Christ, God forgives and frees you. Live by the Spirit.

P: Thanks be to God, let us live by the Spirit!

*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: “The True Meaning of Christmas?”
With Jack Hibbs

Projected

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Apostle’s Creed (old language)

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: “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

with the B-Attitudes

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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Jan. 2 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily
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
2:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Clinic
4:30 pm - Pack 3735 Committee Meeting
- 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

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

- Thur. Jan. 9 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
- Sat. Jan. 11 9:00 am - Christmas Take Down Work Party (trees and decorations)
- Sun. Jan. 12 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Adult Education
2:00 pm - Pack 3735 Pinewood Derby Clinic
- Mon. Jan. 13 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Tues. Jan. 14 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Lutheran Church
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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





OUR SAVIOUR'S
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 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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Allan Mortenson Jan 2, Julie Carr, Holly Clark, and Bella Klettke, Jan 3, Tom Carr, Lyle Lenz, and Linda Towne Jan 4, Jane Hilke Jan 5, Jessica Klettke Jan 7

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Christmas Eve Total:	In-Person: 238	Livestream: 427	Total: 665
Thursday:	In-Person: 3	Livestream: 143	Total: 146
Sunday:	In-Person: 34	Livestream: 120	Total: 154

General Fund: \$12,495.58, OCWM: \$597.50, Capital Improvements: \$513, Christmas: \$2,266

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Bob Meyer

Liturgist: Dianne Heyn

Musician: Nicole Burdick

CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN WORK PARTY

On Saturday, January 11th, at 9:00 am we will be gathering to take down our lovely Christmas trees and all the beautiful church decorations. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated! Do as much or as little as you are comfortable with, every bit helps get the work done. There is a rumor that there might be donuts at the work party just in case anyone feels faint from starvation. Thank you!

IN OUR PRAYERS



Lifetime member, Nancy Mills, passed away on December 23rd in Madison. Please keep her family and friends in our prayers. A memorial service will be held on a date to be determined this Spring. The service will be at Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Mundell officiating, and inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Also in our prayers is the family and friends of Diane Miller, sister of Arnie Dahlke and Carol Grandt. Diane passed away on December 9th in Fond du Lac. Per her wishes, no funeral service was held. Memorials in her name may be made to any local animal shelter.

CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES

Changes can occur to our church calendar after The Messenger has gone to print. Please review the Events page in your weekly bulletin to ensure you are up to date with deadlines and events. Thanks!

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING

The date for our OSUCC Annual Meeting is February 15, 2025. On February 2nd, printed copies of the full report will be available here at church for members to take home and review.

To hit the February 2nd deadline, we will need all committees to submit their yearly report in electronic format to the office, osuccripon1@gmail.com, no later than noon on Thursday, January 23rd. These reports will be reformatted as needed to match the annual report's format and added in to that document.

This will be a tight deadline to hit, so please help us make it work out by getting those reports into us as early as possible. Thank you!

UCC CHRISTMAS FUND COLLECTION

Thank you so much for your generous response to the UCC Christmas Fund collection this year! A total of \$1,632 was donated in support of our active and retired clergy. A check in that amount will be sent out directly to the UCC fund managers this week.

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 Nancy Mills, as they grieve her passing. The Family and friends of Diane Miller, sister of Arnie Dahlke and Carol Grandt, as they grieve her passing.*