

## WE WELCOME YOU

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We're glad you're here!  
Please be sure to sign our Ritual of Friendship book, located at the end of the pew.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a prayer concern, or you would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

## CHILDCARE

At the 8:30am worship service, childcare is provided in the Nursery, Room 208, for infants through Pre-schoolers. At the 11am worship we offer nursery care for infants through toddlers. Pre-schoolers through Kindergarteners are invited to Playful Praise in Room 202 following Children's Time at the 11am worship service.

## COFFEE HOUR

Please join us in Janet Brown Fellowship Hall following the 8:30am worship service for coffee and snacks. The Trustees Committee will be hosting today and look forward to greeting you!

Rev. Dick Wisdom, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation  
Roger Beitzel, Youth Director

Beth Best, Director, Chancel Choir  
Megan Marconi, Director,  
Worship Band  
Kelly Markwell, Director, Bellissimo  
Karyn Holstead, Director, Jr. Choir  
Kathleen Hermansen, Organist

## Sunday Worship Services:

**8:30a** Worship w/Chancel Choir  
**9:45a** Sunday School (all ages) and  
Confirmation Class  
**11:00a** Worship w/Worship Band

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# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018, 8:30AM

\*Indicates congregation stands  
bold type indicates to read in unison

UMH indicates the United Methodist (hardcover) Hymnal  
TFWS indicates "The Faith We Sing" (soft-cover) Hymnal

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**PRELUDE** *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* -Moser

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT** *"Star Child"* -John Carter

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

God of hope and promise, protection and strength,  
you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth.  
God of hope and endurance, you foretold of the  
coming kingdom of God.

**We, God's people, affirm your covenant with us. We  
stand ready, hearts full of hope, for God will fulfill the  
promises made to God's people. As the psalmist declares,  
so do we: "All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for  
those who keep his covenant and laws."**

On this first Sunday of Advent we light this candle of hope  
to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in  
our midst.

**ADVENT CANDLE SONG** (verse 1) TFWS #2090

**\*HYMN** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* UMH #211

## **\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you  
And also with you

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Patty Habersberger  
TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of  
the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup,  
prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *"Prepare the Way!"*  
arr. Lloyd Larson

**NEW MEMBERS** Bruce Henriksen, Mary & Jeff Kelly  
UMH #47

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

**SCRIPTURE READING** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NLT)

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 21:25-36 (NLT)

**SERMON** *"Stand in The Gap"* Rev. Dick Wisdom

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation/Confession and Pardon UMH #12  
The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13  
Lord's Prayer (on screen)  
Sharing the Bread and the Cup  
Hymns during Communion UMH #618; UMH #620;  
UMH #617

## **WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING**

Offertory  
\*Doxology (on screen)  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*  
UMH #196

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** *"Go, Tell It on  
the Mountain"* arr. Shaw

**\*POSTLUDE** *"Bethlehem"* arranged by Johnson

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Ryan Dillman  
Bible Readers: Ken & Pat Decker