

WAUPUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 3, 2023

Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

**Welcome to worship.
May you find the presence of God wherever you are.**

At the * sign, please stand as you are able.
Bold print = Congregational response

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

“Light One Candle”
Sleeth

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles - (One purple candle is lit on the Advent wreath.)

Today we light the first of our Advent candles, the candle of hope.

“O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.” (Psalm 39:7)

Across the centuries, the people of God waited in hope for the promised Messiah, the Savior. As the time came near for the promise to be fulfilled, the Lord sent an angel to tell the priest Zechariah that Zechariah and his wife would have a son. That son, to be named John, would announce the coming of the Messiah and prepare Israel to welcome the Savior.

“O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.”

John would proclaim the dawn of hope for Israel. He would baptize people as a sign of repentance, preparing them for the Savior, the Lamb of God, who was coming to take their sins away. When the right time came, God’s promise was fulfilled in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.”

We have seen the promise fulfilled. The Savior has come! He has died and risen to set us free. Now we wait in hope for his return on the Last Day. Jesus has promised, “Surely I am coming soon!”

“O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

***Opening Song**

Black #2032

on supplement

“My Hope Is In You”

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, Advent is a time of hope and waiting. For centuries, your people waited in hope for the Messiah to come. Speaking through the prophets, you reminded them of your promise to send a Savior. Finally, when the right time came, Jesus the Messiah was born in Bethlehem. We have seen that hope fulfilled in Jesus’ birth, in his saving death and triumphant resurrection.

Now we too wait in hope. During this Advent season, we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth, but we also look forward to his Second Advent, his return on the Last Day. Lead us to live in hope and to share that hope with others so that they too may come to worship Jesus as Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Children’s Message

“One thing leads to another”

Hymn Red #196 on supplement vs. 1 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Bible Reading on supplement Isaiah 51:1-5

Hymn Red #196 on supplement vs. 2 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Bible Reading on supplement Romans 5:1-5

Song Response Green #3104 on supplement “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Pastor’s Message “Hope in the Light of Grace: Zechariah”

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Black #2036

on supplement

“Give Thanks”

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Celebration at the Lord's Table

Choir Anthem

"In Remembrance"

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** **Mel. - Red #694** **on supplement** **"Savior of the Nations, Come"**

*Blessing/Dismissal

—Based on Luke 1:68-79.

The Lord God has looked favorably upon his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty Savior for us through his servant David. He has shown us mercy.

Let us now go forth and serve him without fear and serve him in holiness and righteous in order to bring light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

And may he guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Cole and Callan Bartlett
Pianist:	Laura Ten Pass
Pastor/Worship Leader:	Steve Miller
Choir Director:	Harvey Schaub
Counters:	Marilyn Vander Sanden and Jeanne Ludjack

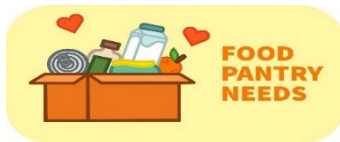
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, December 3: Advent/Christmas Decorating after worship

Confirmation – after worship

Monday, December 4: Lessons & Carols choir – 7:00

Thursday, December 7: Lessons & Carols choir – 7:00



December – Monetary donation

January - Pasta

INTENSIVE PRAYER CONCERNS

Phil Ruck Mike Duer Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski Bob Bradley Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Jerry Kok

Dolores Good Marion Dolgner The Confirmation class

Those impacted by war in Ukraine For peace in the Mideast

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry

Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton

Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell, Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz

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