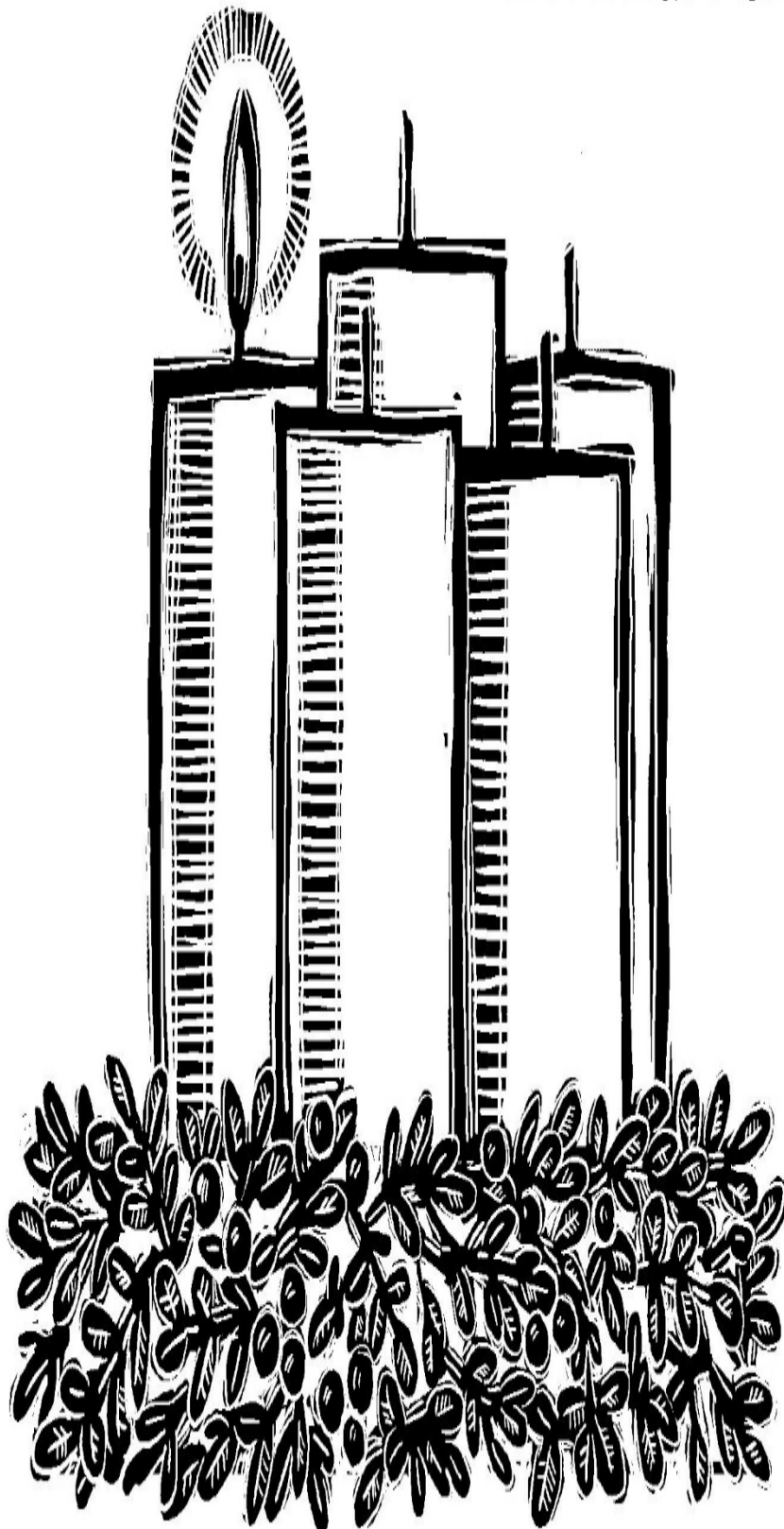


Waupun
United Methodist Church
December 1, 2024
Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent



**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

Prelude

Welcome

Video Call to Worship

“The Battle Belongs to the LORD”

Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

(Luke 21:25-28, NRSV)

Reader 2: The Wise Men and shepherds saw signs that foretold Jesus' coming 2000 years ago. Today we don't look for a single brilliant star to follow or for angels singing in the heavens. We look for other signs that Jesus is with us, signs that:

...we are feeding the hungry, healing the sick,

...clothing the naked, caring for the poor,

...working for justice and righteousness at home and in our world.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!

And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert, waiting again for the coming of Jesus. And we light a single candle in preparation for that glorious day.

[Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.]

***Opening Hymn Red #209 on supplement "Blessed Be the God of Israel" (Mel. – Red #514)**

***Opening Prayer**

O come, Immanuel, come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts this Advent season. Let the day come, Lord, when you will perform that good thing you have promised to us, when you shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. You, Lord, are our righteousness. In you we are made one. In you we are made whole. Behold, the days come when we shall see the light. Guard us all together and bring us to that place. Amen.

Message from/for the Children

“A not scary thing”

Bible Reading

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. ²⁶ People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!”

²⁹ Then he gave them this illustration: “Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. ³⁰ When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. ³¹ In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. ³² I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

³⁴ “Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.”

New Living Translation (NLT)

Hymn Red #706 on supplement "Soon and Very Soon"

Video Reflection

“Ancient of Days”

Bible Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ “The day will come, says the LORD, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good things I have promised them.

¹⁵ “In those days and at that time

I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line.

He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

¹⁶ In that day Judah will be saved,
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this will be its name:

‘The LORD Is Our Righteousness.’

(NLT)

Pastor's Message

“now and not yet”

Affirmation of Faith

The Lord is holy and awesome and full of power!
He sent his Son to earth to redeem mankind.
Jesus came and lived among us, dying that we might live.
He returned to heaven, promising to return again one day.
He will come in righteousness and holiness, bringing peace to all mankind.
The Spirit of God lives with us now, moving and breathing life into our souls.
We wait expectantly for our King, our Ruler, our Savior.
He is coming. This we believe.

Tithes and Offerings

*Song of Thanksgiving Red #234 Refrain on supplement "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Celebration at the Lord's Table
The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn Red #717 on supplement "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

***Blessing/Dismissal**

Christ has come and is coming again.
We wait, we anticipate, we expect His coming.
For we know this world is not our home.
We long to see Him face to face.
Christ has come and is coming again.

Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us – wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Worship Music Leader:	Sue Rens Guell
Readers:	
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Fellowship Host:	Doris Core
Counters:	Marilyn Vander Sanden and Jeanne Ludjack

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December – Monetary Donation

INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Christopher Nord Lois Bentley Mike Duer Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski
Bob Bradley Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Jerry Kok Marion Dolgner
Those impacted by war in Ukraine For peace in the Mideast

Remember our homebound:

Christian Home: Janette Ruck
Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry
Home in Waupun: Dean and Karen Starks
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton
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