

WAUPUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Waupun, WI

She will bear a son,  
and you are to name  
him Jesus, for he  
will save his people  
from their sins.



Matthew 1:21

December 18, 2022

Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.

**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

Choir Call to Worship

What a Wondrous Gift

Call to Worship

Take time out to listen,  
Right now.

What do you hear?

The flipping of pages?

The rush of traffic?

Take time out,

To listen to your breath.

Hear yourself exhale.

Yourself, your soul, on listening.

Listen quietly,

You may hear

Spoken to you, for you,

with “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

For just a moment,

Listen quietly ...

A baby's cry?

The beating of your heart?

The jingle of bells?

For this moment,

Hear yourself inhale,

Take a moment to center

Who knows? If you

And attentively,

The word of God,

Today.

**Opening Song**

**Red #235**

**on screen/supplement**

**“Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy”**

**Opening Prayer**

**O God, in this time of worship, may we be open to Your promises, Your love, and Your transformation. May we vision and dream. May we be surprised. May we receive the life You give us. May we encounter Emmanuel—God with us. And may we never be the same. Amen.**

Message from the Children

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles**

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**Hymn Sing**

Pastor's Message

“How Could It Be”

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Song of Thanksgiving - Red No. 238 (one verse) “Angels, We Have Heard on High**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**Joys, Praise and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

**Hymn Sing**

**\*Blessing/Dismissal**

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If we believe that Christ is coming,

**Let us prepare the world for Christ's coming - now and in the end time.**

If we believe that Christ is coming,

**Let our words and deeds witness to Christ's new age.**

If we believe that Christ is coming,

**Let us work for peace and justice.**

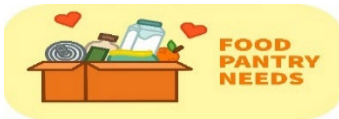
If we believe that Christ is coming,

**May Christ truly reign as Lord of our lives.**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today, Sunday, December 18: Confirmation – 10:15  
 Tuesday, December 20: Elizabeth Circle – 11:00  
 Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve worship – 4:00



December – Monetary donation
January - Pasta

The bulletins for December are sponsored by Laura Schultz in memory of Ken, her husband.  
 To my church family:  
 How do I say thank you to all for the prayers, cards, and food that we have been given while I've been recuperating? Such great people in our church!  
Joyce Brown

Food Pantry gifts due at the Church by Wednesday, please.

## **INTENSIVE PRAYER CONCERNS**

Joyce Brown   Tammy Kasuboski   Janette Ruck   Bob Bradley  
 Paula Wendt   Ray Dolgner   Ryan Giese  
 Family and friends of Shane Bronson  
 Jessica and Brian Jacobson  
 Those impacted by war in Ukraine   The Confirmation class

### **Remember our homebound:**

At Home: Doris Laurain (in Indiana)  
 Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry  
 Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton  
 Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell, Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz  
 Remembrance Home, Beaver Dam: Dick Walters  
 Stone Terrace, Beaver Dam: Laura Schultz

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