

**WAUPUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Waupun, WI**



December 19, 2021

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

Words of Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

“It Was a Starry Night”  
Soloist – Edie Illinskii

**\*Call to Worship**

The Lord is coming. Is everything ready?

**We have come this morning to prepare our hearts to receive him.**

Are the paths clear for the whole human race to see God's salvation?

**We will make the path straight for him to travel; we will do our part to clear every stumbling block.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Red #202**  
**on screen/supplement**

**“People, Look East”**

**Advent Wreath Prayers: Love**

In this final week of Advent, our attention is on love. The following Scripture verses may sound very familiar, so we will hear them twice. The first time is in the New Revised Standard Version. The second time you'll be reading from the Message. Listen for the call to love in these words.

Matthew 22:36-40 says, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

“Teacher, which command in God’s Law is the most important?” Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

*Three purple candles and one pink candle are lit.*

**God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. And so today, let us enact that love. Let us live that love. We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us and we must share that love with others. Amen.**

Children’s Message

“Ready today?”

**Bible Reading**

**Deuteronomy 32:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> Let my teaching fall on you like rain;

**let my speech settle like dew.**

Let my words fall like rain on tender grass,

**like gentle showers on young plants.**

<sup>3</sup> I will proclaim the name of the LORD;

**how glorious is our God!**

<sup>4</sup> He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect.

**Everything he does is just and fair.**

He is a faithful God who does no wrong;

**how just and upright he is!**

New Living Translation (NLT)

Hymn

**on screen/supplement**

**“View the Present Through the Promise”**

**Green #3048**

Bible Reading

on screen/supplement

Luke 3:1-18

Pastor's Message

"Ready for What?"

**Tithes and Offerings**

**Song of Thanksgiving** on screen/supplement

Prayer of Dedication

**Prayers of the People**

on screen/supplement

**The Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

**\*Closing Hymn Red #224 on screen/supplement "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

\*Blessing

Today's Worship Ministers:	<b>All of us – wherever we are</b>
Tech Operators:	Mike Duer & Emily Brown
Pianist:	Laura Ten Pass
Pastor/Worship Leader:	Steve Miller
Counters:	Deb White and Jeanne Ludjack

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to our bulletin sponsors this month:

Loni Wendt: *"In memory of Melissa"* and Laura Schultz: *"In memory of Ken"*

Wednesday, December 22: Choir rehearsal – 6:30

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight service – 4:30

**INTENSIVE PRAYER CONCERNS**

Paula Wendt Ray Dolgner Pastor Rom Pegram Mike Duer  
Sam Schrader Ryan Giese Marge Schrader  
David Schrader, son of Susan Mason, grandson of Susan Schrader  
Those impacted by the coronavirus

**Remember our homebound:**

Hospice Home of Hope: Janette Ruck  
At Home: Doris Laurain (in Indiana)  
Christian Home: Louise Miescke  
Hillside Manor: Joyce Berry, Dick Walters  
Marvin's Manor: Viola McRobert  
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton  
Prairie Ridge: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell, Alice Chase

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