

Waupun United Methodist Church

December 24, 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

Musical Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

(Three purple candles and one pink candle are lit on the Advent wreath.)

Today we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, the candle that represents love. God had promised that his steadfast love would not depart from his people. He would remember his covenant promise. Now the time had come for his promise to be fulfilled.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son ...” (John 3:16).

In his grace, God chose Mary, a virgin in Nazareth of Galilee, to be the mother of our Lord. The virgin-born son would be the Son of God. He was to be named Jesus, which means “God saves.”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son ...”

The apostle John writes, “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9).

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

***Opening Hymn Red #364 vs. 1-2 on screen “Because He Lives”**

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, in your grace and steadfast love, you promised to send the Messiah, the Savior. The promise was repeated through the centuries as the prophets reminded your people of your covenant promise. Finally, when the time was right, you kept your promise. It was time for the Savior to be born. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of the Messiah. She was to name him Jesus. Your covenant promise was fulfilled in the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself as the sacrifice for the sins of the world. Lead us by your Spirit to walk in love, reflecting our Lord’s care and compassion in the world. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Message from the Children “”

Song Response on screen “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Bible Reading

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ Mary responded,

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

⁴⁸ For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹ For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.

⁵⁰ He shows mercy from generation to generation

to all who fear him.

⁵¹ His mighty arm has done tremendous things!

He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

⁵² He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful.

⁵⁵ For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.”

New Living Translation (NLT)

Hymn **Mel. - Red #408** **on screen** **“God Loved the World”**

Bible Reading Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. (NLT)

Pastor’s Message “The Light of Grace Love: Mary”

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving** **Black #2036** **on screen** **“Give Thanks”**
*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

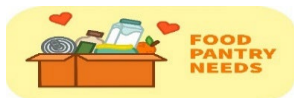
***Closing Hymn** **Red #220** **on screen** **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

*Blessing/Dismissal

Today’s Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Pianist:	Laura Ten Pass
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Christmas Eve worship – 4:30 pm



December – Monetary gift or Personal Care items January - Pasta
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INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

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, Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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