

Welcome to Worship!

Second Sunday in Advent

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What could your Christmas season experience be like if you slowed down and lived it looking through the framework of the sacred?



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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. Our mission is 'Helping people 'Say Yes' to God. "Do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God" are the three simple rules we seek to live by. As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. If you are a first time guest, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to fellowship hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants through age five.

Prelude

"A Christmas Medley"

Charlene Flygt & Barb Kell, Piano & Organ

Ringling of the Bell / Welcome

Silence / Ringing of the Chimes

Musical Interlude

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Bell Choir, (Arr. by Deanna Horjus-Lang)

†Responsive Reading for Advent

by C. Buchner Flygt

In this season of Hope, Take time

To feel the Sacred

To look for the holy

To experience JOY

In this season of celebration, Take time

To notice the beauty

To see the light

To inhale the aroma

To absorb the love

Do not rush through these moments

In this time of expectant waiting

Take time to listen

Take time to seek

Take time to live

Take time to be (surprised)

†Hymn "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
The Faith We Sing #2128, Verses 1 & 2

Children's Message

†Passing of the Peace
"You Are Sacred/You Are Special/I'm Glad You're Here"

Special Music "What Child Is This?"
Bell Choir, (Arr. by Jason Krug)

Prayer before the Scriptures are Read

Lord, may your sacred scripture be our delight. May we praise you for the wisdom we discover in these sacred books. Help us to listen to the voice of your spirit, refreshing us as we consider your Word today. Amen.

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5

Reading from the Christian Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

These are the sacred words of scripture.

Thanks be to God for the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ!

†Hymn "What Child is This?"
The U.M. Hymnal #219

Sermon "Sacred People"

Offering "I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"
Bell Choir, (Arr. by Tammy Waldrop)

†Offering Response (see Insert) "Song of Advent"
(C. Buckner Flygt)

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We now dedicate these gifts, setting them apart for the work of this church in the world. May these offerings be used to build awareness of, and respect, for all that is sacred. Amen.

Prayer for the Sacred People of the Korean Peninsula and the World

Eternal God, the Alpha and the Omega, our beginning and our end, the candles of the first week and second weeks of Advent remind us of the coming light of Christ. Together with sisters and brothers in North and South Korea, and people around the world campaigning to abolish nuclear weapons, we are waiting for the days when the nations will no longer be divided and the nations will beat their weapons into ploughshares. We pray:

Come, O Emmanuel, come and save us!

As we wait, forgive us when we only have good intentions, but do not

commit ourselves to concrete action for peace and justice.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

Forgive us when we allow your image in us to be marred as we remain passive in face of so much violence, exclusion, and threats of the use of nuclear and other deadly weapons.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily without thinking of the consequences, or have remained silent out of fear or indifference.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

Forgive us if we have failed to care for your world, to protect nature, the home you have given us the home of our ancestors and of our descendants. Help us to promote life and seek peace.

Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

Listen to God’s words: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

After you share a joy or concern, you are invited to add “God of healing” or “God of celebration” or use other appropriate wording and then the congregation will respond, “Hear our prayer!”

Spoken Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

The U.M. Hymnal #895

†Hymn

“Star Child”

The Faith We Sing #2025

†Closing Prayer

†Ringing of the Chimes

As you leave the sanctuary, a “Sacred” gift will be offered to all.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

- PastorMarianne Cotter
- Liturgist Judy Ellington
- Church Opener Mondy Shogren
- Greeter(s).....Jean Krueger
- Usher(s)..... Jerry Jackson & Tim O’Keefe
- A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Jim Cotter
- Worship Music Barb Kell
- Bell Choir DirectorDeanna Horjus-Lang

Thank you to The Bell Choir for today’s special music!