

Welcome to Worship!

Third Sunday in Advent



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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 thru age five.

Prelude *Selected pieces from "Portraits of Bethlehem" (Robert Lau)*
Aimee Lutz, Worship Musician

Ring of the Bell / Welcome

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

Silence

Ring of the Chimes

†Hymn

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"
The Faith We Sing #2128, Verse 1 & 3

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Call to Worship

This is sacred time

Time to see the sacred people around us!

This is sacred space.

Where we come into the holy presence of God.

Right now, we are doing sacred work:

Offering God our Advent worship and praise.

†Advent Hymn

“People Look East”
The U.M. Hymnal #202
Verses 1, 2, & 3

Children’s Christmas Program

*Directed by Yulia Yankovskaya, Children’s Ministry Coordinator
Jim Cotter, Guitar*

Children’s Christmas Program is based on “The Not-So-Silent Night” by LeeDell Stickler and includes the following hymns and songs:

“The Friendly Beasts”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“Let’s Go, Let’s Go” by David Heath-Whyte

“He is Born” with Rainbow Bells

Offering

“Masters in this Hall” (Dan K. Edwards)

†Offering Response (see insert)

“Song of Advent”
(C. Buchner 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.

Special Music

“Away in a Manger Medley”
(Arr. by Aimee Lutz)
Tone Chimes Choir

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Canticle of Mary

“Magnificat”
The U.M. Hymnal #199
(no sung response)

These are the sacred words of scripture.

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

Sermon

“Sacred Space”

Prayer Hymn

“Sanctuary”
The Faith We Sing #2164

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

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
The U.M. Hymnal #216

†Closing Advent Prayer

Into our world, as into Mary’s womb:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the forgotten places, as into the stable;

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the homes of the poor, bringing hope;

Into the workplaces of the powerful, bringing compassion

Into the community of the weary, bringing rest;

Into the hearts of the wise, bringing restlessness;

Into our lives and longings, whoever we are

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into every sacred place, Christ is coming.

Bringing forth love that can transform the world.

†Ringing of the Chimes

†Postlude

“Il Est Ne Le Divin Enfant” (Arr. by Noel Goemanne)

† = Please rise if you are able

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist	Youth
Church Opener	Jim Cotter
Greeter(s)	Youth
Usher(s)	Youth
A/V Powerpoint & Booth	Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship Music, Tone Chimes, & Rainbow Bells	Aimee Lutz