

December 12, 2021



Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

First Church - A Reconciling Congregation

First United Methodist Church, at the top of 10th Street in downtown Des Moines, strives to love others as Christ loves us and, in doing so, to be the Body of Christ in word and deed.

As the Body of Christ, we welcome and affirm all of God's children, knowing that each is created in the image of God. We welcome and affirm people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, family configurations, and physical and mental capabilities to join us in full participation as we come together to worship God and then go out to share God's love in the world around us.

10:30 AM

First United Methodist Church

December 12, 2021

Des Moines, IA

SERVICE OF WORD

*As you are able, please stand wherever there is an *.*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. C. Winfred Douglas
13th century Plainsong

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Moment Lighting the Candle of Joy
Kacey and Eric Doll and Family

Hymn TFWS #2090 Light the Advent Candle (verse 3)

Uncontainable, irrepressible, bubbling up in an explosion of energy. What the weary long for, what children often embody, what makes the Divine smile – joy. It cannot be paid for, but is a priceless treasure. Joy is not a commodity that can be bought or sold, but lives deep in the human spirit. Help us to hear that truth and believe it. Let go of what our consumer culture says will bring us happiness – money, success, a scramble to the top that leaves us flat. If we have robbed others of what they need in our clamor and quest for more than our fair share, forgive us. Help us hear the call of John the Baptist to turn around and begin again. As we wait for your arrival, God give us joy in your Advent.

All: ***We light a candle for joy. May it light the way.***

Adapted from Christian Aid Light the Way Campaign

*Call to Worship

Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name;
The Holy One is in our midst.

How good it is to come home to God's house!

How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!

Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart;

The Sovereign One has done glorious things.

We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace.

We face our plenty, eager to share.

Shout your praise! Express your joy!

The God of our salvation welcomes us.

God's love is renewing us in these moments.

God's strength is becoming our song!

By Lavon Bayler

*Hymn #202

People, Look East

Children's Christmas Program

(See Insert)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Reading – Luke 3:7-18

Christine Anders

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Good News Message

Pastor Edgar

Prayers of the People

People: ***Lord, we want to follow you. Be with us as we journey together the pathways of discipleship. Be at work in our lives as we strive to become the disciples you have called us to be.***

Pastoral Prayer

Christine Anders

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

[The Passion Version]

Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day. Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Rescue us every time we face tribulation and set us free from evil. For you are the King who rules with power and glory forever. Amen.

Ministry of Sharing

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy,
and we give with joy.

Joy for all you have given us;
joy because of your sacred promises.

Receive these generous offerings,
and use them to spread your joy in our world. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn UMH #246

Joy to the World (verses 2-4)

*Commission and Blessing

The whole universe is God's dwelling place.
Find your home with God wherever you go.

***Surely God is our salvation.
We will trust and not be afraid.***

Rejoice, for Christ has come and is coming,
Whose presence brings peace to our hearts and minds.

***We can do all things in Christ, who strengthens us.
We have much to share with the world.***

God, who has blessed you, commissions you for service.
Shout and sing for joy; praise God in all you do.

***God has renewed and refreshed us this day.
God's strength will be our song wherever we go.***

Amen.

Amen.

By Lavon Bayler

*Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

“Marche, from Four Pieces for Flute Clocks”

Franz Joseph Haydn

Alternative Gift Mart



Be sure to check out the Alternative Gift Mart. Catalogs of this year's selections will be available at the table in Kenyon Hall.

Don't forget to check out the Fair Trade Coffee Cart too!

Unique Gifts



Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Today after worship in Kenyon Hall, we will be selling some beautiful hand embroidered items created by Palestinian women. There will also be some olive wood pieces. Stop by and take a look.

In-Person Fellowship Time



After church coffee will be held today in Fellowship Hall (lower level). Please remember to stay socially distanced as you visit. Due to shortages of environmentally friendly cups and lids, we encourage all to bring your own drink cup/coffee thermos.

Just Imagine



resettlement process for 111 refugees. They are in need of our help. During this Advent season we have offered to help in the following ways:

1. We will collect household items (towels, sheets, blankets, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, etc). These items do not need to be new but they must be in good shape. Please don't donate items that are worn and should be tossed.
2. We will collect personal hygiene items (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, etc.)
3. They are currently in desperate need of sofas and dining room tables and chairs. If you have either of these items, please let Christine know. Catholic Charities will pick them up.

Each Sunday of Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, and 19) we will be collecting items. Please bring them to church and take them to the collection location in the church library.

By donating, you can be a blessing to those who have just arrived in our state and are hoping to begin a new life.



Alternative Gift Mart

2021 Shopping List

(Remember to pick up a gift card for each gift)

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Gift Card(s)</u>
HUNGER RELIEF				
Trinity Supper Club – CFUM	\$10	_____	_____	yes/no <input type="checkbox"/> rec'd
Back Pack Buddies – Food Bank of Iowa	\$10	_____	_____	yes/no <input type="checkbox"/> rec'd
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Heifer International				
Share of a goat	\$10	_____	_____	yes/no <input type="checkbox"/> rec'd
Share of a water buffalo	\$25	_____	_____	yes/no <input type="checkbox"/> rec'd
Honey Bees	\$30	_____	_____	yes/no <input type="checkbox"/> rec'd
Share of Biogas Stove	\$50	_____	_____	yes/no <input type="checkbox"/> rec'd

Total _____

NAME _____

Take your shopping list to the cashier.

Write one check made out to: First United Methodist Church, memo: Alt Gift Mart





Order your Poinsettias Today!

Christmas Will Soon Be Here

Would you like to help provide **poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary** for this Christmas season? The plants will be available at a cost of **\$10.00 for a 6 inch pot** or **\$20 for an 8 inch pot**. To donate one or more of these plants, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate with payment or contact the Church office.

Payment must accompany order.
All orders are due Sunday, December 12.



_____ ***6 inch pot(s) \$10 each***

_____ ***8 inch pot(s) \$20 each***

Given By _____

Complete the following:

In Honor of

In Celebration or Recognition of

In Memory of





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Reading 1 - Luke 2:4-7
The Manger

Away in a Manger

Reading 2 - Luke 2:8-11
The Shepherds, Sheep and Angels

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Reading 3 – Luke 2:5, 16-20
An Exciting Story to Tell!

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Sing with us:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Participants

Mary

Laila Rodriguez

Joseph

Gavin Doll

Angels

Priscilla Doll

Isabelle Durbin

Cecilia Haberkamp

Kaylee King

Eden Smith

Mira Smith

Shepherds

Will Doll

Ethan Durbin

Audrey Kiernan

Sheep

William Martens

Readers

Gavin Doll

Isabelle Durbin

Ethan Durbin



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Worship Participants This Morning

Preaching:	Rev. Edgar Solís
Liturgist:	Christine Anders
Organist:	Ben Allaway
Music:	Children's Christmas Program
December Greeters:	Arnie Brown, Millie Wade
December Ushers:	Ned Johnson & Craig Strayer (Head Usher) Ron Roulet
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Children's Church:	Laurie Hoskins (Coordinator)

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