

December 24, 2021



Lessons &

CAROLS

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.

Light the Christ candle and all four Advent candles. The love of heaven has come to Earth. The call of Christ begins in a baby's cry. Listen and respond.

All: *The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. We light the Christ candle. May it light the way.*

Adapted from Christian Aid Light the Way Campaign

Gathering Carols

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. Willcocks

v. 1 ALL

v. 2 CHOIR

v. 3 ALL

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

#220 vs. 1, 2

The Bidding Prayer

Christine Anders

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal Kingdom.

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world the God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words that Christ himself taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Carol "Carol of the Drum" by Katherine K. Davis
The Chancel Choir

LESSON Isaiah 40:1-8
Carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211 vs. 1-3

LESSON Jeremiah 23:5-6
Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #216 vs. 1

LESSON Luke 2:1-12
Carol "What Child is This?" #219 vs. 1, 2

LESSON Matthew 2:1-7
Carol "Some Children See Him" by Alfred Burt
James Tener, solo

Some children see Him lily white, the baby Jesus born this night.
Some children see him Lily white, with tresses soft and fair.
Some children see him bronzed and brown, the Lord of heav'n to earth come down.
Some children see him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed, this Savior whom we kneel beside.
Some children see Him almond-eyed, with skin of yellow hue.
Some children see Him dark as they, sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray.
Some children see him dark as the, and, oh! They love Him, too!

The children in each different place will see the baby Jesus' face like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace, and filled with holy light. O lay aside each earthly thing and with thy heart as offering, come worship now the infant King. 'Tis love that's born tonight!

LESSON Matthew 2:8-12
Carols "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Ben Allaway

"Past Three A Clock"
The Chancel Choir trad. carol,
arr. Charles Wood

LESSON Luke 2:13-20
Carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218 vs. 1, 3 & 4

Advent Prayer

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Carol "Joy to the World" #246 vs. 1, 2 & 4

Benediction Rev. Edgar Solís

Sending Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239

*Receiving and Sharing the Light

To receive the light, tilt your unlit candle towards the lit candle of the person seated next to you. After your candle is lit, pass the light to the person beside you as we sing. You may raise and lower your candle as directed.

Postlude "Variations on Silent Night" Gruber, Satie,
arr. Liggitt & Stevenson



One-half of our Christmas offering will be given to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for US Disaster Response Advance. The other half of our offering will be given to Hawthorn Hill Ministries, a local mission for homeless families with children here in Des Moines. As you leave the service, please leave your offering in the plates located at the exits.

Our Gifts to You

As you exit the building you will see a table in the entryway. Help yourself to a piece of fruit and a candy cane, donated by the estate of Nondas Beswick. Merry Christmas!

Feel free to stop by the tree in Kenyon Hall and take a photo with your family and friends.

We are happy you joined us tonight. Please join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

The Choir*Soprano*

Jacque Coulson
Lani Eclatt
Garnet Nordine
Kay Pudil
Kara Smith
Cookie Major

Alto

Alexis Cole
Eloise Cranke
Lauren Low
Adele McDowell
Wanda Wendt

Tenor

Alexis Castro
Bob Thelen
John Earl Robinson

Bass

Lonnie Liggitt
Edgar Solís
James Tener

Instrumentalists

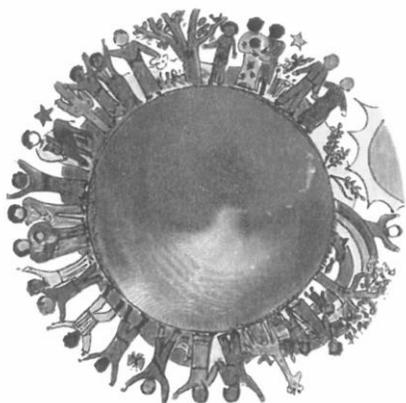
Lonnie Liggitt, organ and piano
Scott Davis, trumpet
Dan Stevenson, clarinet
Chuck Kuba, bass
Clayton Hunn, percussion

Worship Participants

Rev. Edgar Solís - Pastor
Christine Anders – Minister of Discipleship
Ben Allaway – Director of Music
Angie Sadler – AV Coordinator

Greeters: Arnie Brown, Millie Wade

Head Ushers: Ned Johnson, Craig Strayer
Usher: Ron Roulet



Observing the Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace will present a service on Tuesday, December 28th, at 6:30 PM, on the theme, "Wailing for Children Who are No More." It will be in person at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street, in Des Moines and will also be live streamed.

The Facebook link is <https://fb.me/e/3TlxZtVEs>.

The Outreach Committee is a co-sponsor of this service. Please join us!

The Poinsettias, which grace our Sanctuary, are given by

Christine Anders

In honor of the members of First Church

Rick & Carol Broman

In memory of Dorothy Strayer (Paul's wife)

In memory of Lois Watson

Arnie Brown

In memory of Arnold Brown, Sr.

Joel & Lesley Gesaman

In memory of Kara Gesaman, our niece

Twila Glenn

In memory of Thomas Glenn

Michael & Dal Grooms

In celebration of the birth of a Prince of Peace

William & Sheri Langer

In memory of Ken & Elaine Langer

(from North Dakota son and family)

Mike & Emily Schaumburg

In honor of Pacesetters Sunday School class

In memory of Alice and Clarence Kite

In memory of Pearl Cunningham

Gary & Kara Smith

In honor of our parents: Marilyn Johnson,

Kenny & Roxie Smith

In memory of our grandparents

Bob Thelen

In memory of my parents

In memory of my grandparents

Dave Wolz

In memory of my parents, Don and Inez

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Retirement celebration and reception

For

Christine Anders



first CHURCH

January 16, 2022

Worship Service 10:30 am

Reception 11:30 am

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Please RSVP to the Church office.

