

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent— JOY

PRELUDE

“The Coventry Carol”

15th c. English Carol

(8:00 am)

PRELUDE

“Christmas Meditation”

Murray Bradshaw

(10:00 am)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN No. 203

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Ellacombe

ANTHEM

“The World’s Been a-Waitin So Long”

Larry Shackley

(10:00 am only)

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

Leader: Advent is marked by a spirit of joy and celebration.

People: **With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Leader: Advent is a time to open our eyes to our many blessings.

People: **With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Leader: Advent is a time to appreciate the bonds of human love.

People: **With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

Leader: Advent is a time to remember the promises of God.

People: **With joyful hearts we celebrate the coming King.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come Lord Jesus, Come”

Joel Raney

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

*PSALTER

Psalms 146

Pages 858-859

*GLORIA PATRIA No. 71

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using sins)

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

ANTHEM

“Fanfare on Adeste Fideles”

Douglas Wagner

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 am only)

*Doxology No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 25:31-46”

“1 Peter 4:9-10”

MESSAGE

“The Christmas Guest”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

***HYMN No. 218**

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

BENEDICTION**BEARING OF THE LIGHT**

(10:00 am only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 am)

“Christmas Time is Here”

Lee Mendleson

POSTLUDE

(10:00 am)

“Prelude in F Major”

Bach

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by guest organist Judd Demers, Peals of Praise Handbells, and our Chancel Choir. Judd is a senior at WAHS and studies organ under Ronald McIntyre in Jamestown. He plays weekly at St. John’s Lutheran Church and the Randolph Episcopal Church. The 8 AM pianist is Nettie Swart.

LITURGIST today is Mary Schall.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES today are Phyllis Wright (8:00AM) and Larry & Patti Rublee (10:00 AM).

ACOLYTES today are front candles: Holden Demers and Grant Newton and aisle Candles: Chris Gardiner and Lilly Newton.

USHERS today are Team 2, George Lilja — Captain.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in memory of Anne and Eugene Simmons, given by Their Family.

PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but instead will be available at the door.

SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family of George Lilja in the passing of his father, George Vincent Lilja, who passed away on December 3, 2021.

~ We also extend our sympathy to the family of Lacey Schuler in the passing of her grandmother, Dorothy Wilcox, who passed away on December 6, 2021.

VISITATION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY ~ During the height of the Covid-19 lockdown, our church started a ministry to reach out to those who were alone or unable to leave the house. Four teams, plus Rev. Rutenber, have continued to deliver baked goodies to those individuals. This ministry has been well received and provides us with a time to connect. We really could use additional bakers who would bake cookies or small quick breads to help continue this ministry. Packaging materials will be provided. If you are interested and able to go on a baking team, please get in touch with Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Our stewardship campaign for 2022 is coming to a close. Please remember to *return your pledge* card to the church office. If you need a pledge card, you may pick one up at the office or visit our website at www.firstumwarren.com.

UMYF ~ Christmas party (all ages combined) 6:00 PM—8:00 PM on December 19th. There will be games, snacks, and a white elephant gift exchange. We invite the youth to bring something from home that they don't use anymore or a gag gift with the gift exchange. On December 29th, we will have a game and gym day here for grades 6-12 from 11:30 AM—3:30 PM. If students need a ride, they can contact Jason Wood, Director of Student Ministry.

FAITH ON FOOT ~ At the Crossing on December 19th at 2:00 PM, 6th—12th Graders are invited to Faith on Foot's Christmas at the Crossing holiday fun. There will be games, music, cookies, and even a gift exchange. Please bring a \$3.00 gift for the gift exchange, but you are welcome to attend even if you do not have a gift. ~ Masks are encouraged but not required. The Faith on Foot team will have every participant sign in and out of the event.

COMMUNITY SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ There is a signup on the bulletin board for our 2021 Senior Christmas Party across from the office. At 11:30 AM, Punch and Hors d'oeuvres will be available, with dinner being served at noon.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE ~ The Christmas Eve Worship Service at The First United Methodist Church will begin on December 24th at 7:30 PM with a musical prelude. Our Service of Candlelight will begin at 8:00 PM.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – Please remember to turn in your fall grades to the church office in order to receive your second scholarship disbursement check.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
December 12, 2021 – December 18, 2021**

SUNDAY

**Third Sunday of Advent—JOY
8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Chapel
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Advent Book Study
5:30 PM UMYF Grades 6—7; Youth Room
6:30 PM UMYF Grades 8—12; Youth Room**

MONDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
3:30 PM Jason Meeting with Youth; The Crossing**

TUESDAY

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
1:00 PM Blue Stocking Program; Covert Room and Sanctuary
1:00 PM NO Staff Meeting
1:30 PM Peals of Praise Handbells and Madrigals Warm Up
3:30 PM Children & Youth Music Program; Choir Room
4:30 PM Nurture Meeting; Covert Room
5:30 PM Finance Meeting; Parlor A
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Epworth Handbells**

WEDNESDAY

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
10:00—11:00 AM Advent Book Study
12:00 PM Combined Preschool Christmas Program ; Sanctuary
3:30 PM LOGOS—Merry Christmas
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room
7:30 Choir Party—Crone's**

THURSDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
10:30—11:30 AM WAMA Meeting; Covert Room
12:00 PM Christmas Service; Sanctuary
12:30 PM Thursday Lunch; Founder's Hall
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B
6:00 PM Divorce Care Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM Cello Group Rehearsal; Founder's Hall**

FRIDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall**

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Creativity Arranging the Poinsettias; Sanctuary