

# WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 19, 2021

## Fourth Sunday of Advent– LOVE

### PRELUDE

(8:00 am)

### HANDBELL PRELUDE

### PIANO PRELUDE

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(10:00 am)

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

“Mary Did You Know”

“Christmas Suite”

“Gesù, Bambino”

“Pat-A-Pan”

arr. Mark Hayes

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arr. Arnold Sherman

Pietro A. Yon

Sandra Eithun

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*HYMN No. 245

“The First Noel”

### ANTHEM

(10:00 am only)

“What Did the Star See?”

Joseph Martin

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate God’s love.

**People: God’s love is pure.**

Leader: We celebrate by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: God’s love is everlasting.**

Leader: We celebrate by loving the Lord our God with all our hearts.

**People: God’s love is all-powerful.**

Leader: We celebrate by spreading God’s love to a world in need.

**People: God’s love is freely given to all.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come Lord Jesus, Come”

Joel Raney

### A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

David Dorn

### ANTHEM

“Little Drummer Boy”

Traditional

### 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.*

## **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 am only)

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Offertory Prayer

## **SCRIPTURE**

“Isaiah 9:2-7”

## **NATIVITY STORY**

## **MESSAGE**

“When Does Christmas Begin?”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

## **ANTHEM**

“Joy to the World!”

arr. Mark Hayes

## **BENEDICTION**

## **BEARING OF THE LIGHT**

(10:00 am only)

## **POSTLUDE**

(8:00 am)

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

arr. Mark Hayes

## **POSTLUDE**

(10:00 am)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Greene

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, the Epworth Bellingers, flautist Laura Whitten, pianist Mark Nelson, the Boys Ensemble, and the Youth Ensemble. The piano duet is played by Michele Sandberg and Nettie Swart. Leyton Salvatore is playing the Carillon. The 8 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

**LITURGIST** today is Heidi Ketzko.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** today are Amy Morrison (8:00AM) and The Long Family (10:00 AM).

**ACOLYTES** today are front candles: Collin Ellis and Madalyn Nobles and aisle Candles: Graham Carr and Grace Carr.

**USHERS** today are Team 2, George Lilja — Captain.

**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** today are in memory of Virginia and Tad Anderson, given by Nan and Maurice Cashman.

**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 Robin Wagner in the passing of her mother, Elsie Lucille Smith, who passed away on December 14, 2021.

**NATIVITY STORY** ~ The children and youth will act out the **Nativity story** to remember Jesus' birth during the 10 am worship this morning. Following worship, we will have refreshments in Parlor B. Please come help celebrate Jesus' birth with us.

**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 contact 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](http://www.firstumwarren.com).

**UMYF** ~ Christmas party (all ages combined) 6:00 PM—8:00 PM tonight. 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 29<sup>th</sup>, the UMYF 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 today, at 2:00 PM. Grades 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19, 2021 – December 25, 2021**

**SUNDAY**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent—LOVE  
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  
2:00 PM Faith on Foot Christmas Party; The Crossing  
6:00 PM UMYF Combined Christmas Party; Youth Room**

**MONDAY**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours  
6:00 PM Children Incarceration Support Group; Covert Room  
6:00 PM Adult Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall  
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Parlor A**

**TUESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours  
11:30 AM Senior Christmas Party; Founder's Hall  
12:30 PM Tuesday Study Group; Covert Room  
1:00 PM NO Staff Meeting  
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  
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room**

**THURSDAY**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours  
12:00 PM Christmas Advent 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  
6:30 PM Cello Group Rehearsal; Founder's Hall**

**FRIDAY**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours  
7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service—Music Prelude  
8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**SATURDAY**

*Merry Christmas!*