

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent **November 29, 2026**

*(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)*

PRELUDE: *"O Morning Star"* *By Philipp Nicolai*

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The days grow shorter, and the nights grow long.

But God's light has not gone out.

We come carrying our worries, our questions, and our hopes.

We come trusting that God is not finished with us.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Let us worship the God of hope!

OPENING PRAYER

God of new beginnings, awaken hope within us. When the world seems dark and the road ahead uncertain, remind us that your light is already shining. Open our hearts to your presence and our lives to your possibilities. **Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(light the first purple candle)

Today we light the candle of Hope. We do not light it because everything is right with the world. We light it because God has promised that darkness will not have the final word.

May this light remind us to keep hoping, keep trusting, and keep working for the world God intends.

***HYMN:196** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* *vs 1-2*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that hope does not always come easily. We look at the troubles of the world and wonder what difference our faith can make. We grow discouraged, impatient, and sometimes indifferent. Forgive us when we surrender to despair or forget that you are still at work. Awaken us to the signs of your kingdom, and give us courage to live as people of hope. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Hear the good news: God's faithfulness does not depend upon the strength of our hope. Even when our faith grows weary, God's grace continues to reach for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and invited to begin again.

Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* *Perry Brumm*

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 64:1-9 (NIV)
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry. How then can we be saved?
All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

Yet you, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 80:1-7,17-19 (NIV)
Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 1:3-9 (NIV)
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)**
The gospel according to Mark.
"But in those days, following that distress,
"'the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
This is the Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD *Pastor Rob Odum*

HYMN: 202 *"People, Look East"* *vs 1-4*

OFFERING PRAYER
God of hope, receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your future. Use them, and use us, to bring light where there is darkness and encouragement where there is despair.
Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"How Like a Gentle Spirit"* *By Alfred Morton Smith*

***DOXOLOGY: 94** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

***AFFIRMATION FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6, 1:15, 3:16**
There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.
This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN: 2173** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* *vs 1-3*

***BENEDICTION**
Go into the world with hope. Keep your eyes open for God's light, your hands ready for God's work, and your hearts open to God's promises.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE:** *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"* *Arr Tom Fetke*

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November	Liturgists	Ushers
29th	Linda Brumm	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
December	**Liturgists**	**Ushers**
6th	Carolyn Ettlie	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
13th	Chris Guse	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
20th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
27th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang

This Week's Birthdays!	
Nov. 29th	Carolyn James
This Week's Anniversaries!	
Dec. 4th	Bryce & Jamie Miescke

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

ITS NOT TOO LATE!



You can still get your script cards before Christmas. The deadline for getting orders in will be the second Sunday of the month in December. This will allow gift cards to be delivered to you by Sunday, December 20th. So if you procrastinated in November and didn't get your order in, you can still get an order in for December and get your cards before Christmas.

It's easy and fast. Fill out a form; write one check; turn your order in and get all your cards by December 20th. And remember Memorial Church gets a percentage return on the value of every card. This increases your stewardship to Memorial Church.

Any questions call Tom Rowe 414-331-3753.Thank you.

Contributions & 2026 Giving Statements

As we reach the end of the 2026 calendar year, please note that for tax purposes, all 2026 financial gifts must be received by Sunday, December 27th, 2026 if you would like them to be reflected on your 2026 Giving Statement. This will ensure that we have enough time to process them and credit your account.

2026 Giving Statements will be printed in early January of 2027 and be distributed in the chapel lounge before and after the service in Mid-January. Any giving statement that is not picked up in-person by January 24th will be mailed on January 25th, 2027.



If you have any questions, please reach out to Robert Lang at treasurer@memorialchurchumc.org or contact the church office.



It's time to order poinsettias! Help decorate the church for our Christmas Eve service by placing an order for your holiday poinsettia! In the past Memorial bought extra poinsettias for our Altar on Christmas Eve. This year we are asking you to consider ordering poinsettias for your family and the church.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

		Quantity	Total
Red Poinsettia: 7" Pot Size	$20.00 each	x_____	= $_____
Pink Poinsettia: 7" Pot Size	$20.00 each	x_____	= $_____
White Poinsettia: 7" Pot Size	$20.00 each	x_____	= $_____

Please pay for your poinsettia when placing your order.
(Make checks payable to: Memorial UMC)

Plants will be available for pick-up after the Christmas Eve service.
Orders are due by Sunday, November 29th
Thank you for your order!

POINSETTIAS

The order form is to the right and more forms will be emailed out and are also available on the table in front of the bulletin board. Please bring your order and payment to church office or mail to **Memorial United Methodist Church, 3450 South 52nd St, Greenfield, WI 53219**

DUE TODAY!

Thank you!





Memorial United Methodist Church Blood Drive
3450 S. 52nd St, Greenfield
Tuesday, Dec. 8th from 1-6pm



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Office Administrator: Peggy Leonhardt

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

AIKIDO: Mondays from 6:45-8:45pm & Thursdays from 6:45-8:45pm

NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP: 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 1-3pm

SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM: Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are **due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

DECORATING THE CHCURCH: **Saturday, November 28th** @ 10am-Noon

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 9:30am-Noon **(Dec. 1st meeting has been changed to Dec. 8th…same time)**

DINING OUT GROUP: December 5th @ 5pm at Double D's Sports Pub and Eatery 5171 S. 108th St, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING: **Sunday, December 6th @ 12:30pm**

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, **December 8th** from 1-6pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday **(Dec. 15th)**, 9am at Meyer's Restaurant Bar & Banquet Hall 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday **(Dec. 17th),** 8:30am at Open Flame Restaurant 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: **Thursday, December 24th @ 6pm**

Church office will be closed on Dec. 24th & 31st