



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"People, Look East"

Arr Paul Taylor

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We begin the journey that leads to Christmas.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is a journey of peace.

Let us beat swords into plowshares.

This is a journey of hope.

Let us walk with God.

OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God, we begin our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within. Teach us how to get ready. Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Help us walk in your ways, as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ. Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding, as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead.

Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We light the first candle, the candle of Hope.

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2)

Lord Jesus, you are our hope. Your coming fills us with the promise of new life and the assurance of your presence. May your light shine in our hearts and guide our path. Amen.

***HYMN:196**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

vs 1-2

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Holy One, we want to know your plan. We want to know when and how things will happen. You have shown us your ways and taught us to walk in the paths of peace. Teach us to trust your never-ending care, for our future is in your hands. Help us cast aside our holiday worries and live with Advent joy! Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God offers us peace and security. God goes with us on our journey.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 122 (NIV)

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the Lord—to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel.

There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.

May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."

For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14 (NIV)

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the

armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 210

“Toda La Tierra (All Earth is Waiting)”

vs 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, as we walk in the light of your love, we are blessed by the abundance of your gifts. You give us the beauty of nature, food to nourish our bodies, and communities to love and support us. Out of our abundance, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts increase peace in our community and throughout the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

Kathleen Thomerson

***DOXOLOGY: 94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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

*BENEDICTION

May peace be within your walls. May security bless your homes.
And may serenity reside in your hearts. Go to walk in the light of the Lord!

*POSTLUDE:

"We're Marching to Zion"

Arr Mark Hayes

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November	Liturgists	Ushers
30th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
December	Communion Steward	
7th	Carol Brandenburg	
December	Liturgists	Ushers
7th	Carolyn Ettlie	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
14th	Lynn Sirna	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
21st	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
24th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
28th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang



SASSY SEWERS AT MUMC

The Sassy Sowers Community is blessed to be donating 77 quilts to non-profit organizations soon! We would love to donate a jar of baby food to accompany each quilt. Would you like to help? A "baby box" for donations can be found in the Chapel Lounge. Please donate no later than Sunday, December 14th. Thank you for the support you give our "sowers"!



Not everyone has happy memories about Christmas. Some may be grieving about the loss of a loved one or some may be sad they cannot be with their family.

We will have a Blue Christmas service at **Blessed Hope UMC**

December 13, 2025 at 10 am. Mark your calendars and join us - The Worship Committee

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

It's that time of year where we prepare for Advent and Christmas! Help decorate the church



*Poinsettia:
The Flower of Christmas*

for the Christmas Eve service by placing an order for your holiday poinsettia. The order form with details is below the bulletin board. Please bring your order and payment to church or mail by **November 30th**. Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the Christmas Eve service, Wednesday 12/24; or again on Sunday 12/28 after service.



The Second Saturday Supper group is planning an **after church lunch on Sunday, December 14.**

(Note: The Packers don't play until 3:00 o'clock that Sunday). There will be chili with all the add-ons along with salads, desserts, etc.

If you are interested in contributing to the meal contact Jeanne Rowe at 414-529-2518.



MISSIONS

Mission Collections:

- Any gently used men's clothing that you no longer use, please bring them in and leave them on the mission cart.
- We also continue to collect backpacks & school supplies as well as toiletry items (soaps, shampoo etc.)
- Please continue to bring gently used bedding, towels, clothes & shoes to be placed on the mission's cart; they are taken to Father Genes about every two weeks. They are also in great need of coats!
- Our aluminum pop top collection continues as well for the Ronald McDonald House.

****Don't forget to continue to put your loose coins in the offering plate! ****

Thanksgiving Mission Collections:

We will begin collecting can goods, grocery store gift cards and other Thanksgiving related items to create baskets to give to a local organization for distribution.

Please consider donating for those less fortunate at this time of year.

Cyndi Eickstaedt can help with any questions concerning this collection.

Thank you!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am
CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm
CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm
JOYFUL BELLS: Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm
DINING OUT GROUP: December 13th at 5pm at the
 Omega Restaurant - 3473 S 27th St,
 Milwaukee, WI 53215

CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING:

Sunday, December 7th at Noon

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Sunday 12/14 during the worship service.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH: Sunday, 12/14 following
 the church service.

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd,
 Thursday, 10am-1pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday, 9am at Meyers

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers

BLOOD DRIVE: December 18th from Noon-6pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 6pm

POINSETTIA PICK-UP: after the Christmas Eve



meet our **STAFF TEAM**

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