

*First United Methodist Church*  
*December 12, 2021*



## **A Room With a View**

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

### MUSIC TO PREPARE US FOR WORSHIP

Sue Koeppe, Musician

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

### † SHARING OUR GATHERING WORDS & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Traci Leemhuis, Liturgist

Today we offer the Light of Love to illumine the Door of Welcome. May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church. May Love awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality. There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

**Love waits for us at Advent. Love waits for us to care. Love waits for our compassion freely offered, freely shared. In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation, for the birthing of a world where faith shapes all we do. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love is born in us anew!**

### OPENING SONG “O, Come All Ye Faithful”

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### PRAYING IN SONG

“Make of My Heart a Stable”

by Worship Design Studio

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

### TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 5: 2-5a (Common English Bible); Luke 1: 46-55 (CEB)

Traci Leemhuis, Liturgist

### MESSAGE ”A Room with a View”

Pastor Cheri

### INVITATION TO GIVE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **CLOSING SONG** “In a Feedbox, in a Stable”

(sung to Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 384)

In a feedbox, in a stable, Jesus slept upon the hay; So, our God, you came among us, bringing peace on earth that day. Beautiful upon the mountain! Christ, you bring us God’s shalom; may we share your love and justice in each land and town and home.

In a shelter, poor and homeless, sleeps a child upon her bed; in a basement hides a family, bombs exploding overhead. Jesus, you knew want and hunger; your own family fled the sword. May we see you, may we hear you, in each one oppressed or poor.

In the church, we seek your presence; Prince of Peace, you meet us here: See! A person seeking shelter. See! Another filled with fear. See! A world where lives are broken; give us strength and help us care, till our love for every neighbor fills each thought and act and prayer.

† **BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

**MUSIC AFTER WORSHIP**

Sue Koeppe, Musician

*(† denotes a time to stand as you are able)*

**Today’s Media Servants:**

Computer: Ken Nowak

Sound Board: Debbie Dixon

Camera: Jodi Spurling

**Downstairs Hospitality:**

Jon Stewart

**Flowers:**

Given by Ann Russell in honor of Jarod’s birthday on December 18

**Greeters:**

Front            Jim and Joan Brooke

Side             Jon Stewart

**Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Cheri Stewart  
Office Manager: Erin Vandervelde  
Choir Director: Traci Leemhuis  
Musicians: Sue Koepp, Sarah Sharp  
Media: Debbie Dixon, Jeff Houk, Lorrie McCallister, John Meyers, Ken Nowak, PJ Olsen, Jodi Spurling  
Prayer Chain: Joanne McCallister (815) 434-6944  
Hospitality: Lori Kline, Linda Asta

**Office Hours:**

MTF from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Pastor Cheri's Office Hours**

MT from 9-11 a.m.  
Other times by appointment

**Week at a Glance:**

*Today* Worship 9  
*Friday 12/24* OFFICE CLOSED,  
Christmas Eve Worship 7  
*Sunday 12/26* Worship 9, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday Community Lunch

**Attendance Last Week:** 62

**In Christian Sympathy:**

To the Delores Brooks family  
To the Mary Majeras family

**Prayer Concerns:**

Our World Leaders  
Interim Bishop John Hopkins  
DS Supt. Brian Gilbert  
Pastor Cheri & Jon  
Marc Desranleau  
Jo Olsen  
Marta Scott  
Ottawa PADS Shelter  
Esther Stone  
Bill Clayton  
Debbie Dixon  
Beth Snyder  
Bev Miller  
Connie Stone Oberholz  
Barb Frey  
John and Barbara Meyers

Mark Nilles  
Fred Woltering  
Dylan Taylor  
Bang Wool  
Esther Sommer  
Jean Hess  
Ina Raub  
Shelley Peronto  
Christopher Kolin  
Antonio and Bernardo  
Jenelle, Tamara, and Sarah Brooke  
Sharon  
Linda Krepps  
Josh, Kelly, and Thomas  
Amy Cooper  
Roger Thomas, Jr.  
Sharon Nelson

**Long-Term Prayers:**

Sheila Hynd  
Ken Geiger, Jr.  
Pat Acuff  
Korie  
Selena Meyers  
Judy Claus

**PVL:**

Maxine Twait  
Pat Wagner  
Joe Erickson

**Prayers for Our Service Men & Women:**

-Josh Papineau is in the U.S. Army stationed in Hawaii.  
-SFC Johnathan Oberholz is home from training the Jordanian army.