

*First United Methodist Church*  
*January 2, 2022*



**“The Grace Period”**

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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, An Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we know love because you make it eternally visible in the person Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He revealed the depth of that love by laying down his life for us. We pray our gratitude is visible in our loving actions, gracefully caring for each other and our neighbors. Jesus, show us love is never confined to words alone, nor is love ever just an abstract concept. Love is always heart and hope in action. Stir such a love in our hearts. May all we say and do please you, Lord. May we be the very best evidence of your grace. This we pray in Jesus' name.

AMEN

OPENING SONG "Grace, Greater than All Our Sin" # 365

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYING IN SONG "Through it All" (sung twice) # 507

### INVITATION TO GIVE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 20: 17-38 (The Message Bible)

Barb Frey, Liturgist

MESSAGE "The Grace Period!"

Pastor Cheri

### HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving & Invitation to Holy Communion**  
**Prayer of Preparation**  
**Receiving the Holy Meal**  
**Prayer Following the Receiving**

† **CLOSING SONG** “Amazing Grace”

# 378

† **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:**

John Sagi

**Flowers:**

Given by Don and Betty Gillette in honor of Don's birthday and their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 29

**Greeters:**

Front            Jim and Joan Brooke

Side             Jon Stewart

**Ottawa First-Faith Inspired Relationships;  
Serving & Transforming the world**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Ottawa First United Methodist Church strives to foster relationships with Jesus Christ; reaching out to ALL through His teachings, grace and love.

**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  
*Tuesday 1/4* Fix It Squad 9-11,  
Bible Study 10  
*Sunday 1/9* Worship 9

**Attendance Last Week:** 33

**In Christian Sympathy:**

To the Natalie Brinn's family

**Prayer Concerns:**

Our World Leaders  
Interim Bishop John Hopkins  
DS Supt. Brian Gilbert  
Pastor Cheri & Jon  
Marc Desranleau  
Jo Olsen  
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.