

December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude Music and Bringing in the Light

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome Statement *(Printed on the bulletin insert)*

Prelude to Silence *O Come, O Come Immanuel* (v. 3)

O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Silence *...a time to breathe...*

Hymn *O Come, Divine Messiah*

Lighting the Candle of Hope

• **Morning Prayer**

Holy One, you call us to turn our lives around, and work patiently with you, preparing the way for your reign. But we get discouraged and give up too soon. You call us to work in community, but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others. You call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your reign, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.

* **Assurance**

Hear the good news: The One who saves, is present with us in the painstaking work of the Reign of God—forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships, restoring our joy. So we rise up together to say:

Thanks be to God!

- *O Come, O Come Immanuel* (v. 4)
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Invitation to the Table *At This Table*

If you are hungry, or even just curious, come and eat.

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Music for the kids

Children's Story

1st Scripture Reading **Philippians 2:1-8**

2nd Scripture Reading **Luke 1:26-38**

Sermon *The Season of Reminders*

- **Closing Hymn** *Canticle of the Turning*

• **Benediction**

May God give you eyes to see in the darkness, ears to hear in the silence and a voice to speak courage in a time of fear. May these eyes see God's love in every neighbor's face, these ears hear God's love in every child's laugh and this voice speak God's peace to all who are afraid. Go into the world in the peace of Advent. Amen.

- **Carrying the light from the sanctuary**

Postlude

- *Please stand if you are able*

Before everything, after everything, in everything
Be Kind!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Tammy Young

Radio Sponsor: Emily Fuchs and Rose Kleinert in memory of Lyle & David Kleinert and Ellen Henning

The adult Bible Study Meets this morning following the worship service. We will be reading several New Testament Advent passages.

The Giving Tree is set up in the entrance hall to the church. Pick a card and give someone a happier Christmas.

We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army again this year. See Pastor Brad if you are able to pick up a shift and he will get you signed up. Thanks.

Address Changes—If your mailing or email address changes please send the new address to the church office so we can keep our records up to date.

First UCC Welcome Statement:

“Come to me,” Jesus said, “all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”
(Matthew 11:28)

Reflecting the friendship of God toward all Creation, First United Church of Christ—Sauk City is an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome all persons—of any sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, age, family structure, faith background, ability or economic circumstance. We recognize every person as a child of God, welcome all to worship and serve with us and consider all who come to be a necessary part of this fellowship with all its privileges and responsibilities.

Church Offering Update:

Monthly Offering Status:	
Monthly Budget:	\$ 16,667
October offering:	<u>\$ 13,089</u>
Net:	\$ (3,578)

Totals for Year:	
Offering budget thru Oct:	\$ 166,670

Offering collected thru Oct:	\$ 120,126
Expenses thru Oct:	<u>\$ 162,531</u>
Net:	\$ (42,405)

H.E.L.P. Project

This week our cleaning schedule is.....

Monday, December 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Please drop off your donations by December 12!

The early Christians did not say, “Look what the world is coming to!”
They said, “Look!—what has come into the world!” Carl Henry

Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who,

though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.