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**Check us out on our Web site, Sundays at 9:30am**

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**Sermon Theme:**

Every year, millions of Americans make a New Year’s resolution to improve health, finances, personal relationships, etc. Many fail shortly after January 21st and when it’s all said and done, only 9% of those who made a resolution have stuck with it. However, there is a “resolution” that has a 100% success rate and that is a surrendered relationship with Jesus Christ. However, similar to making a New Year’s resolution, it is just the beginning; so is the act of accepting Jesus as your savior.

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***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

First United Methodist Church of Horseheads

December 29, 2024

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude**: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice J.S. Bach

**\*Call to Worship:**

**\*Hymn:** Once in Royal David’s City #250 UMH

**\*Unison Prayer:**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns** Chad Miller

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

**Gift of Music:** Kumbaya                                  arr. Paul Sjolund

**Young Disciples Time**

Leader: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!  
**People: God has come to make a home among us!**

Leader: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane

growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.  
**People: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**

Leader: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising

happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.  
**People: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among**

**us.**

Leader: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things

and all seasons.  
**ALL: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Loving God  
may we be found  
and may we find  
a place called home,  
a place where faith holds us  
and grace renews us  
where forgiveness longs for us  
to be who you will us to be.

may we find a place called home  
where we are accepted as we are  
where we are taken in  
and loved.

this home  
where your place  
is our place  
and place isn’t a building  
but a way of being together  
in relationship  
held together  
by love.

Loving God  
Homecoming God  
may we make this a home  
to all who still yet seek  
a place of grace-filled sanctuary  
and gracious welcome.

So be it  
Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

**Gift of Music:** I Too Shall Walk to Bethlehem John Rutter

**Young Disciples Time**

**Scripture: Ephesians 4:22-24** p.#194

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

*People: Thanks be to God*

**\*Hymn:** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #229 UMH

**Scripture: Romans 12:1** p.#161-162

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Sermon: New Life Resolutions**

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Poeme Mystique Richard Purvis

**Doxology:**

**\*Hymn:** Angels We Have Heard on High #238 UMH

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** He is Born, the Infant King Richard Hudson

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude]

\*indicates please stand, if able

UMH = red hymnal FWS =   black songbook

**Announcements Dec 29, 2024**

**Student Sunday**

*Welcome to Worship today! If you are visiting today with us, please stop by the*

*visitor’s table just outside the sanctuary. There is a gift bag there for you!*

Sunday School: 10:45am, Sunday School: Grades k-8 Fellowship Hall,

Sr. High-Class Rm 18, Parent Class-Rm 21, Adult Sunday School, Large

Conference Room, *Choir Practice* each Saturday at 3pm

If you requested giving envelopes for the 2025 year, you can find them in

the Narthex next to the main doors. If you're visiting someone who is unable

to come to church, please take theirs to them.

If you put a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas, please take it home with

you today. If you do not wish to take your flower, please let the office know.

Printed copies of the January newsletter are in the Narthex.