

Horseheads First United Methodist Church

1034 W. Broad St.
Horseheads, New York 14845

Rev. Dr. Jeff McDowell
December 4, 2022

We Gather to Worship Second Sunday in Advent

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.}

Prelude

O, Come, Emmanuel

Wilbur Held

*Call to Worship:

L. Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank You for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place.

P. We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

L. We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve You and others.

All: May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Olcott Family

*Opening Hymn:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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(During this hymn, an usher will collect your prayer cards to be read aloud.)

Passing of the Peace: "Peace of Christ"

Unison Prayer: (people seated)

God of the wilderness, God of the wastelands of our lives, lead us apart to those places where we hear your word most clearly. In the startling awareness of Christ's coming, may we order our lives with repentance and with compassion. Sift from our lives all useless chaff, that like good wheat into a barn, we may be gathered into the realm of your righteousness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen. *(prayer by Ruth Duck)*

Joys to Share and Concerns for Prayer

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

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Leader: The word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

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Leader: The word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Gift of Music

Our Hope Is in Emmanuel

Victor Johnson

Sermon

“Walking the Straight Path”

Communion: (Ushers will lead people forward to take communion at two stations, right and left. Small cubes given out with small cups, returned to empty trays.

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates as you come forward.

Hymn:

The King of Glory Comes

#2091

***Benediction**

[Please feel free to depart in peace after the benediction, or be seated and enjoy the Postlude]

Postlude

People, Look East!

setting by Robert Lau

* Stand if able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Adult Sunday School Class from the Senior High Sunday School Class.

Advent Bulletins are donated by
Bob and Teri Hauptman in honor of
our children and their families

Schedule:

- **Lessons and Carols**, Tonight, Dec. 4, 5pm
- **Bible Study**: Monday, Dec. 5, 7pm, LCR
- **Missions**: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2:00pm, SCR,
- **Faith Builders**: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:00pm, Parlor
- **Woman of Faith Luncheon**, Dec. 8, noon, Fellowship Hall
- **Bells**: Saturday, 3:30pm, Dec. 10
- **Choir**: Saturday 4pm, Choir Room/Sanctuary, Dec. 10

Advent Bible Study 4 Sundays 10:45 -11:30 am after worship in classroom next to chapel, beginning Nov. 30. Title is The Angels of Christmas. Contact Louise McIntosh at: 607-739-1954 or email fumced12@gmail.com

United Woman of Faith: Thursday Dec. 8th at Noon is our Christmas Luncheon for all women. Come, bring a food item to share and own table service. There will be “entertainment.”

Your new 2023 giving envelopes are now available in the Narthex by the water fountain. If you would like some and they are not there, please list your name and phone number on the paper on the table and we will get you some.

Church – wide Event: O Come Let Us Adore Him.... Sunday, December 18th from 1pm-3pm Living Nativity, Petting Zoo from Heartland Haven Farm, hot cocoa, and stories on the front lawn of the church. All are welcome! If you would like to help out with the Living Nativity on Sunday the 18th or during the week leading up to Christmas please reach out to Shannon Majiros, majiroshfumc@gmail.com or Louise, fumced12@gmail.com **Be a Christmas Angel:** The Outreach Committee knows that Christmas is not always a time of Joy for everyone as some families struggle this time of year. Our committee is looking for your monetary support allowing us to purchase department and grocery store gift cards to help families this Christmas Season. Donations may be made by check (writing Christmas Tree Giving on the memo line) or by putting cash in an envelope with Christmas Tree Giving on the outside of the envelope. Donations may be put in the collection plate or sent to the office.

Donations are due by Dec. 11th. Thank you from the Outreach Committee, Don Sommers, Jen Hillman, Luann Longenberger, Judi Driscoll, John Young, Teri and Bob Hauptman, Jan Przybylski

Living Nativity: Our church family portrays the nativity scene outdoors on the front lawn during the evenings leading up to Christmas. The time spent with friends and family in the Living Nativity is special, it also sends a wonderful message to the community about the true meaning of Christmas. There will be a sign up in the entrance starting November 30th to fill time slots for the evenings of December 18th-24th. We will need shepherds, an angel, Mary, Joseph and Wise Men. Please consider gathering some family and friends and spend an hour during this busy holiday season blessing our community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy or Shannon Majiros.

Pastor McDowell and the nominating committee is looking for people able and willing to serve on: Christian Education committee, Church Council, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, Outreach, Stewardship, Missions, and Safe Sanctuaries committees beginning in January. Please contact him in person, or email, pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com or on his cell, 607-377-2338.

Our Church is blessed to have a devoted staff. They give of their time and talents to ensure jobs well done. Our staff consists of Pastor, Jeff McDowell, Education, Shannon Majiros and Louise McIntosh, Secretary, Sandy Crane, Music Director, David Peckham, Parish Visitor Cindy Ellis, Superintendent of Buildings, Jamie Olcott. It has been a tradition at this time of year to give these people a monetary gift to say thank you. If you would like to make a donation for the staff Christmas Giving, please mark your donation as Christmas Giving and put it in the collection plate or turn it in to the office. Your generosity is appreciated. Your Staff Parish thank you, Guerry Howard, Brent Arnold, Fred Daniels, Barb Hull, Jeff McDowell, Gordon Gillette, Ann Rouse, Jan Przybylski, Christina Peclak, and John Young. Written materials concerning the UMC Challenges and Changes are available from Pastor McDowell, on the Office Windowsill. Rev. McDowell shared them at an all-church meeting Nov. 30, and future gatherings to discuss the topics will be scheduled for the new year.

POINSETTIA ORDER: It is again time to begin planning for this Advent season. The worship Team will be purchasing poinsettias from the Rotary Club. Your participation supports Camp Star, which sends kids with disabilities to one week of summer camp. These quality plants are grown locally in Horseheads for \$12.00. Our support plays a vital part in helping the community. Orders may be placed by returning the form to the Church office by December 7th, 2022.

In **HONOR/MEMORY** (circle one)
CIRCE COLOR FLOWER WANTED: RED or WHITE or MARBLE
of: _____
GIVEN BY: _____
PHONE: _____ \$ _____ ENCLOSED

Advent Bulletin Cover Disciples: The worship committee offers the opportunity to the congregation to purchase advent bulletins in honor or in memory of a loved one. Checks may be made out to: **First United Methodist Church**. Please note "Bulletin Cover" on the memo line. \$20 will cover the cost of the special bulletins. Please bring money to the church office M-F, 9am to 2pm.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
 in honor of **OR** in memory of: _____

Living Memorial Fund in honor / memory (circle one)
of: _____
given by: _____
Phone: _____ \$ _____ Enclosed

Photo Opportunity!

**Tis the season to try to get the perfect family photo!
The church has put together a beautiful photo display for everyone to come in
and use any time you wish. You can find it in the Narthex (lobby) in the coat
rack area. We can't wait to see your pictures!**

Bob Aiello, Steve McIntosh, Larry Crandell

