

# **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!**

*“Enter to Worship, Exit to Serve”*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray!

*Rosalie Dzedzic*

People: **All creation holds its breath.**

**The time is almost here.**

**The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.**

**Excitement is all around us.**

**Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.**

**Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.**

**We gather to make ready our hearts for the coming of Christ, our peace.**

## **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – Week 2, the Candle of Peace**

### **\*HYMN**

**“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”** (UMH #196)

Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Howland Prichard, CCLI # 21980715

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## **PRAYER TIME**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**READING**

Micah 5:2-5

*Rosalie Dziedzic*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** "Week 2: A Different Kind of Peace"

*Pastor Sabina*

**\*HYMN** *(the offering will be taking during the hymn)*

**"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"** *(UMH #218)*

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It came upon a midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

But with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring; –  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!

All ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow  
Look now for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing

For lo! the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When, with the ever circling years  
Shall come the age of gold;  
When Peace shall over all the earth,  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song,  
Which now the angels sing.

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER (Together)**

**People: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give  
in peace.**

**A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.**

**A peace growing from our trust in your loving power.**

**Receive these generous offerings, and use them to bring your  
peace to our world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“What Child is This” (UMC #219)**

Words by Chatterton Dix, Tune: Greesleeves, CCLI # 21980715

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus]

**\*BENEDICTION**

*\* Please stand, for those who are able*

*\*\* Please leave insert on the table in the Narthex as you leave.*

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall.*

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship  
after the service in  
The Fellowship Hall.*



***Join us next week for more uplifting worship!***

*Sermon Series: "Socks & Underwear"*

*Week Three*

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Sermon: "A Different Kind of Joy"*

*In the meanwhile,  
God be with you 'til we meet again!*

### **MARK THE DATE**

**Tuesday, December 10, 6:30pm:** Advent Small Group – Office (6pm dinner)

**Thursday, December 12, 12pm:** Council meeting

**Sunday, December 15 following worship:** Monthly brunch and birthdays

**Thursday, December 16, 6:30pm:** Blue Christmas service

**Tuesday, December 24, 6pm:** Christmas Eve Service

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you:** We are grateful to all the people who generously contributed their time, money and talent to make our community Christmas party a success!

**Worship & Coffee!** You may have noticed the coffee bar before you enter our worship space. Feel free to make yourself a coffee or a tea and come in to enjoy the service! This is called hospitality!!

**Blue Christmas service, 12/19, 6:30pm:** There are years when we hurt at Christmas time and cannot get into the festivities others seem to be able to do... In these times, we can make the space and take the time to acknowledge our pain and sadness. We can remind ourselves that we are not alone. We can experience the love and concern of God through the caring of others. We invite you to come experience a word of hope that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle, and

that God's Word comes to shine light in our darkness. There will be soft, live music.

**A word about the crèche in the hallway:** Pastor Sabina's crèche is on display for all to enjoy. She has been collecting these Fontanini figurines for the past 24 years, a little bit at a time, putting together the village of Bethlehem. Take a good look! Beside the holy family, the shepherds and the Magi, you can see the inn and the innkeeper, the rabbis and their scrolls, the potter, and even St. Francis of Assisi (completely out of place and time!).

### **ANNUAL REPORT TIME!**

A reminder to Chairpeople that Annual Reports are due the beginning of January.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

(new prayers are highlighted in red)

**FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH,** its members and mission  
For those who seek God or a deeper knowledge of Him

**FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD**

For peace, justice, goodwill among nations, the well-being of all people, our country, and all in authority.

For those serving in the armed forces.

For reconciliation and healing following this week's election.

**FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER,** or are in need or trouble, for all people on the margins of society, the broken, the forgotten.

For the poor, the addicts, people suffering from mental or physical illness, the homeless, the refugees, the immigrants, the unemployed, the shut-ins, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison.

For justice for all people suffering from violence, prejudice or discrimination based on their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, ability, age, culture, background, physical appearance, or behaviors.

For the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Lebanon, and Haiti.

For the people victims of natural disasters..

FOR THE WEBSTER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, FED., its members and its mission.

For our ministries and the people we serve.

For Jack Walker: Healing.

Nesreen and Family: Strength and comfort

For Laura Robbins Husband: Healing

For Sandy Beavan's husband: Healing.

For Linda Pschichholtz: Healing.

For Edna Patri: Healing.

For Gratia Graves: Healing and comfort

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

For the community of Webster.

For James Gibert's sister, Julie: Successful surgery

For James Gibert: Healing For Carl Bongiovi (Pastor Sabina's husband):  
Healing from cancer.

For Alice LeBoeuf (Edna Patri's Cousin) and her family: Comfort and strength.

For Patti Davis and family (Golden Bee): Healing (dementia and cancer).

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Our amazing volunteers!

Our partners in ministry.