

## First United Methodist Church

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### December 8, 2024 — December 14, 2024

*"2nd Sunday of Advent"*

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Janet Helmbold

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Sunday (12/8) Festival of Lessons and Carols 3 PM, St Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Monday (12/9) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/10) Ad Council 10 AM

Wednesday (12/11)

Thursday (12/12)

Friday (12/13)

### December 15, 2024 — December 21, 2024

*"3rd Sunday of Advent"*

Usher/Greeter: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: James Gaffney

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/16) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/17)

Wednesday (12/18)

Thursday (12/19)

Friday (12/20)

Saturday (12/21) Ecumenical Longest Night Service 7 PM St. Alban's Episcopal Church

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/8/24 Mal 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208); Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

12/15/24 Zeph 3:14-20; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy & family concerns, Bill Tracy & family, Jesse Baker, Carol Weinert, Sandi Kolder, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whitsitt, and our unspoken requests.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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December 8, 2024



**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,  
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



**First United Methodist Church**  
**December 8, 2024**  
**“2nd Sunday of Advent”**



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Come and Worship (Angels from the Realms of Glory) arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sharon Feichtenbiner/Rita Salter

\***PRAISE CHORUS:** FWS 2090 (v. 2) Light the Advent Candle

SCRIPTURE: Malachi 3:1-4

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: God sent many messengers to foretell the coming of a Savior, such as Isaiah and John the Baptist. Yet people did not understand, and thus did not recognize Jesus when He arrived.

**P: Because we have information which is historical rather than prophetic, we can understand better because the Bible tells us what has happened, and not only what is yet to come.**

L: We are told what has happened, yet there is more to come. Jesus, Who came to us in the flesh, is going to come again. Can we be messengers of this great news?

**P: Doesn't everybody already know this? Why do we have to tell it again? The Bible has already told this news.**

L: Not everybody has read the Bible or heard the news! Not everybody has even heard of Jesus! It is our job as Christians to spread the Good News, both of Jesus's coming long ago, and of His coming again! Be a messenger! Spread the Word! Tell the Good News!

**P: Open our hearts and our mouths Lord, to share the Good News. Strengthen our wills to obey Your command to tell everyone about Jesus! Let us bring the Christ Child to those who have never heard the Christmas story! Now is the time!**

\***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

\***APOSTLES' CREED:** UMH 881

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S TIME

\***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 567 Heralds of Christ

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:68-79

SERMON: Preparing the Way

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Incline Thine ear to us,  
 And grant us Thy peace. (2x)  
 Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Listen Here, Listen Here (by Jay Althouse) Maurita Holland/Roger Chard  
 Candlelight Carol (by John Rutter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: What Child is This English Melody

\***DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

\***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

**\*BENEDICTION**

\***PARTING HYMN:** The Birthday of a King (by W. H. Neidlinger) Maurita Holland/Roger Chard

POSTLUDE: Celebrate Christmas by R.J. Hughes

**The Altar Rail is always open to all.**

**December Mission Noisy Offering—God's Country Community Ministry**

GCCM is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God's children throughout their vast parish. God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE