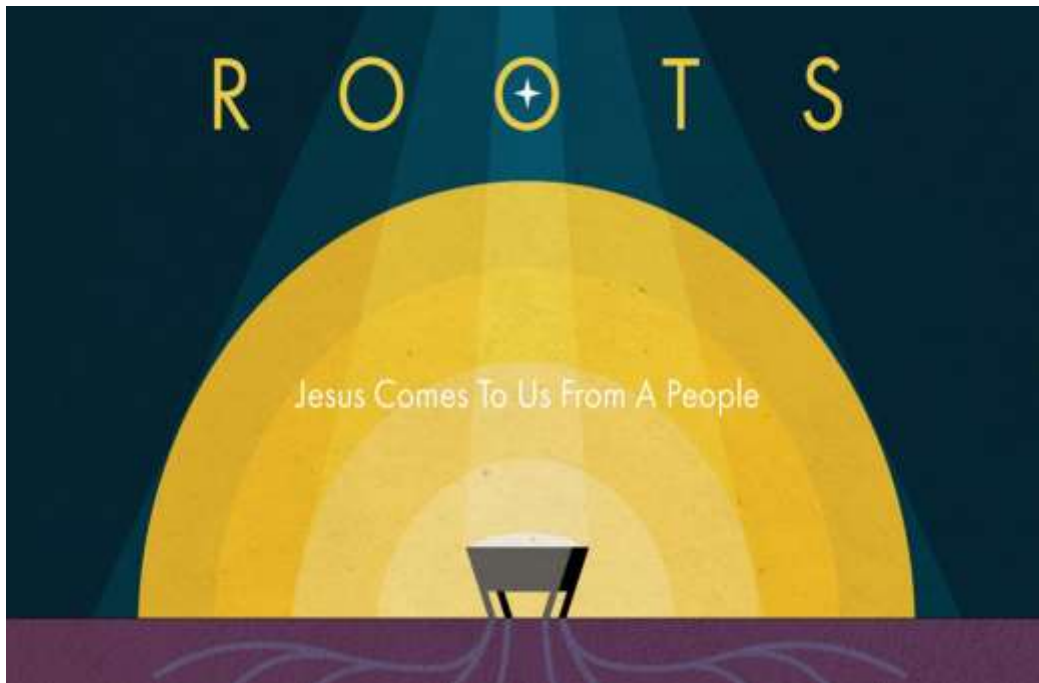


First United Methodist Church
December 3rd & 4th, 2022



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5:00 pm on Saturdays; 10:00 am on Sundays

*Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by faithfully uplifting the message of Christ*

“*” Indicates to stand as you are able or inclined

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader One: “They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: “In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” And “bear fruit worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

Hymn:

“I Come With Joy”

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Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Our God, architect of this world and all others: we know you had a vision for all your creation to dwell together. With the creatures of the air, earth, and sea, you long for us to live in respect and with one another. We give this morning,

understanding that we have denied you that desire. We ask you to help us use who we are and what we have to heal this abused and broken world. In Christ, our Savior. Amen. ([Isaiah 11:1-10](#))

Chancel Choir

"Great is Our Joy!"

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God's Word: *"Here I am to Worship"* #3177 W&S (w/o bridge)
(We will sing this song throughout Advent)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22–24,28 (NIV)

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. . . . ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

Roots: Jesus Comes To Us From A People

Pastor Young Sun Lee

***Hymn of Preparation:** *"The Family of God"*
(see page 7 in Bulletin)

William Gaither

Celebration of the Holy Communion

Using "A Service and Word and Table II" (p 12-14) with Musical Setting A (p17-18UMH)

Invitation:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,**

we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Great Thanksgiving, Setting A, UMH pp. 17-18

Sanctus Elise Eslinger

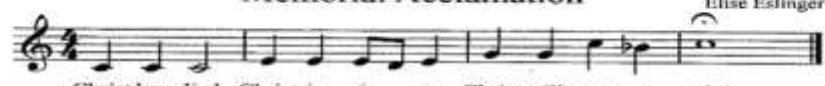
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations....

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation Elise Eslinger



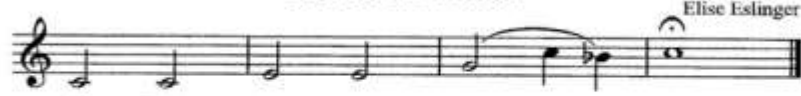
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and
wine...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The Great Amen Elise Eslinger



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The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Family Of God

Words by
William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

Music by
William J. Gaither

♩ **CHORUS**

F G⁹ Em/G G⁷

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God; I've been

5 C⁷ B^b/C C C⁹ F

washed in the foun-tain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Je-sus as we

11 G⁹ Em/G G⁷ C⁷ Last time to Coda ⊕ C⁹ C¹³ C⁷ F B^b/F

trav - el this sod, for I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

VERSE

17 F F C/F F

1. You will no - tice we say 'broth - er' ___ and 'sis - ter' ___ 'round here; It's be -
2. From the door - of an orph - nage to the house of ___ the King; No -

22 C⁷ B^b/C C⁷ B^b/C C⁷ F B^b/F F

cause we're a fam - 'ly and these folks are so near; When one has a
long - er in out - cast, a ___ new song I sing; From rags un - to

27 B^b/F F C/F F C⁷

heart - ache we ___ all share the tears, and re - joice ___ in each vic - tory in this
rich - es, from the weak to the strong; I'm not wor - thy to be ___ here, but praise

32 C⁹ C¹³ C⁷ 1. F B^b/F F 2. F B^b/F F D.S. al Coda

fam - 'ly so dear, ___ I'm so long! ___ I'm so
God, I be -

37 ⊕ Coda C⁹ C¹³ C⁷ F B^b/F F

fam - 'ly of God.



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



Precious Axton Lee Craig is baptized



Bell Choir plays Axton a lullaby!





Christmas Prayers and Blessings for Shut-ins, those in Care Facilities and the Military

Once again the Prayer Team will be collecting and delivering cards for the shut-ins and military of our congregation. Boxes to collect the cards will be placed on the table in the Narthex along with bags of Christmas cards. A list with names and addresses of these people will be available in the Narthex. Please write the name and full address on the envelope and put your return address on it also.

Last day to participate will be **December 11, 2022** so cards can be delivered well before Christmas.



Cards for the military and shut-ins will be mailed or delivered by the Prayer Team on December 13 so please turn in any you wish to distribute before that date.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

LET'S HELP RESIDENTS OF LEE COUNTY NURSING HOME EXPERIENCE A "WHITE CHRISTMAS" WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Please put unwrapped gifts in the bags under the tree in the sanctuary starting on December 3rd. We will deliver them to Lee County Nursing home in time for the social director to tag them for the proper residents, before their annual Christmas party. Some suggestions for gifts follow (or you can use your own ideas): deodorant, lotion, soap, writing tablet, pens and pencils, puzzle books (crossword, word search, etc.), crayons, colored pencils, markers, coloring books, candy, chocolates, nuts, perfume, shaving sets, jewelry, lap robe, snow globe, hard sole slippers and books (fiction, inspirational, funny, etc.). They appreciate all the gifts we have provided in past years! It helps brighten Christmas for all. Call the church office at 815-284-2849 with any questions.

Our deadline for "White Christmas Gifts" for the residents is December 18, 2022.



Martha Circle and Matters of the Heart Circle will meet together in the Parlor on December 6th at 11:30am for a Potluck lunch. The program will be a Memorial Service and Christmas Celebration.

Upcoming Advent & Christmas Events at FUMCDixon:



Christmas Eve Services - December 24th at 5, 7 & 9:00pm

Christmas Morning Service - December 25th at 10am

(no Powerhouse Kids or Agape Youth)

Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan’s brother), and Travis Malston.

AGAPE YOUTH will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month at 11:30AM in the youth lounge on the 3rd floor. They typically share lunch together. Includes 5th grade through high school.

POWERHOUSE KIDS meet every Sunday morning at 10AM in the 3rd floor Arena Room. Join Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun and our loving “shepherds” for lessons, activities, snacks, and crafts. Ages toddler through 4th grade.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Mark Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 8:30 to 2:30 down on your calendar. That will be the day our church leadership and anyone who wants to be a part of fulfilling our Beyond the Horizon Vision will gather. We will spend the first 2 hours talking about the process of discerning and moving toward implementing the One Board model of church leadership. The rest of the time will be spent developing our Ministry Plan to bring our Beyond the Horizon Vision to reality. Having a Ministry Plan in place ensures that we have tangible goals to achieve so that in five years we will be able to have a wonderful celebration as we fulfill our Beyond the Horizon Vision. There will be a potluck lunch!

DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT Saturday, January 21 we will host the **Prairie South District Training Event** from 8:30 to Noon. We will have more information on the classes being taught as soon as it becomes available. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other churches and people from across our district to worship and learn together. **Volunteers will be needed to help host this event.**



It's not too late to get nuts for Christmas gifts!
Contact Kevin Stach at 815-288-5473



CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE IS SUN., DEC. 11 AT 11:30AM. DO YOU HAVE ALL YOUR FORMS TURNED IN?





Another great fellowship opportunity!

The movie "5000 Blankets" is playing at the AMC Rockford Theater on December 12th at 7:00PM. The tickets are \$15. Becky Macklin has graciously offered to arrange purchasing group tickets so we can all sit together. Phone/text Becky at 815-973-7177 or email her at rebeccal1957@yahoo.com to have her purchase your tickets **and** to make arrangements to reimburse her for your tickets. **VERY IMPORTANT!!** We will be dining together at Portillo's before the movie!



DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR *CONNECT* CARD AND DROP IT AND YOUR PEN IN THE BINS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY DOORS!



THIS IS HOW WE TAKE ATTENDANCE.

Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering for 2022 is designated for the Food Pantry and the Lee County Council on Aging Senior Center specifically for helping out with the cost of prescription medications.

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