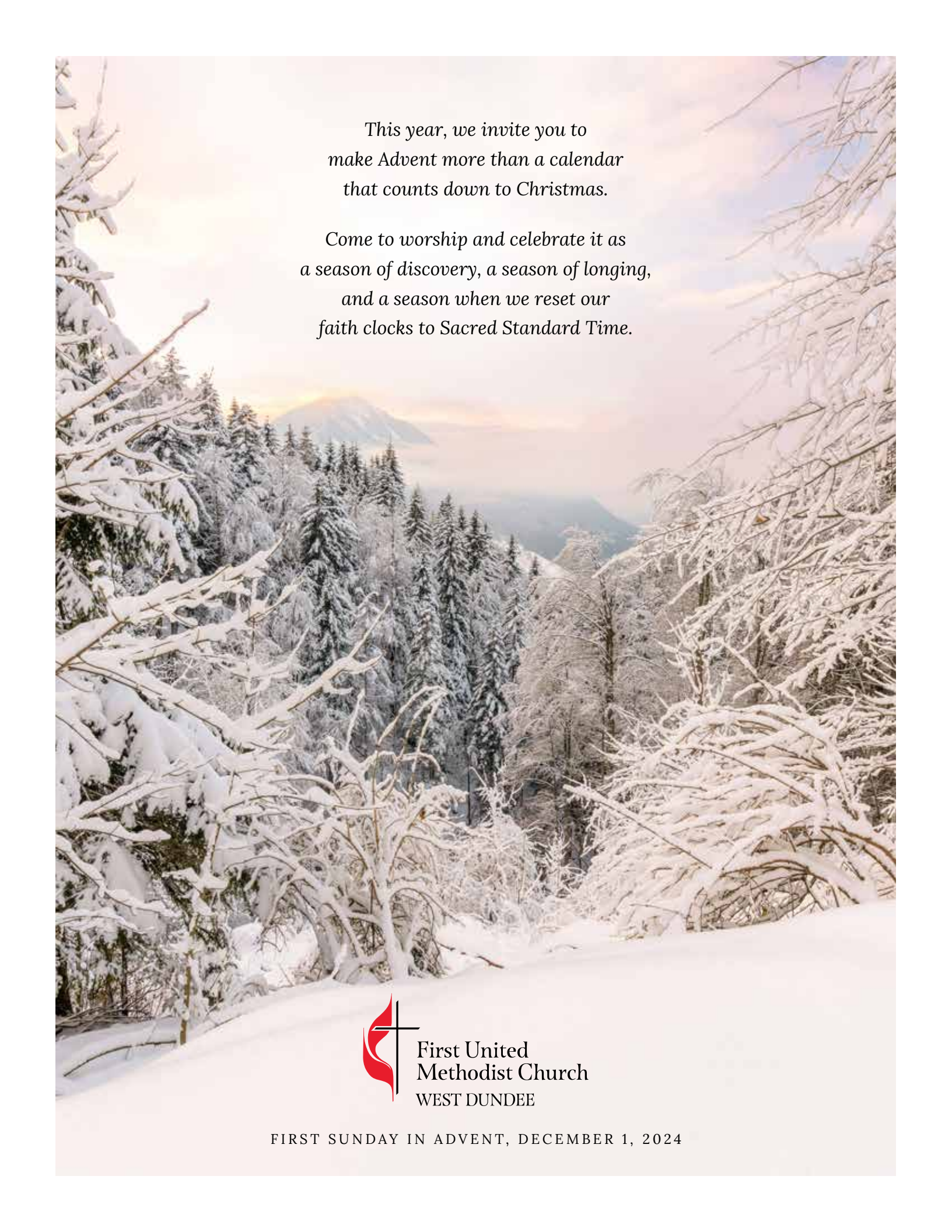




*This year, we invite you to
make Advent more than a calendar
that counts down to Christmas.*

*Come to worship and celebrate it as
a season of discovery, a season of longing,
and a season when we reset our
faith clocks to Sacred Standard Time.*



First United
Methodist Church
WEST DUNDEE

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2024

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

HYMN #211 (UMH)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Vocal Ensemble

(1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(2) O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(5) O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home.
The captives from their prison free,
and conquer death's deep misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(6) O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(7) O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Linda Snyder

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

SERMON

"Mirth in the Midst of Madness"
Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

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Crossroads Worship Band—vocals: Seth Durbin, Jenna Hesseln, Alli Panzarella; keyboards Seth Durbin, guitar Owen Szorc
drums Brittany Edwards, bass Bill Williams

Comfort Ye. Words Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

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Our Adult Education Forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. This month we will consider why the Grinch hated Christmas. During the four weeks of Advent, you are invited to this 8:45 Sunday Morning Adult Faith Forum to discuss Matt Rawle's "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes." All adults are urged to attend.

United Women of Faith Advent Breakfast

Saturday, December 14, from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

All women and girls are welcome for breakfast and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fireside room. For more information or to bring a dish to share, contact Jennifer Schaffer at schaffek@sbcglobal.net or 847-287-7185.

Christmas Care Packages at FUMC

Help create Christmas Care Packages for our homebound members and those needing extra cheer during the holiday season. Your participation will help bring joy to others this Christmas! For more information, contact Marcia at mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net.

School District 300 Christmas Drive

Donations may be left in the Fireside Room and will be accepted through Sunday, December 8

This year, our School District 300 has identified 900 students for its annual Christmas drive.

You can help by using Kohl's Cash or other store rewards to find great deals on clearance items for these students.

Consider setting aside time to browse clearance racks or donating any unused clothing or toys your children no longer wear or use. Donations of clothing, size 5 to teen, socks, bar soap, hand soap, games, puzzles, and toys are all appreciated.

If you need pastoral care, call Pastor Rick at 630-564-0413

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