

An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered forest. The trees are densely packed and their branches are heavily laden with snow. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that filters through the trees and illuminates the snow. The sky is filled with soft, pinkish clouds. In the distance, a body of water and some buildings are visible under the twilight sky.

*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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2024

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

HYMN #444 (UMH)

O Young and Fearless Prophet Vocal Ensemble

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| (1) O young and fearless Prophet
of ancient Galilee,
thy life is still a summons
to serve humanity;
to make our thoughts and actions
less prone to please the crowd,
to stand with humble courage
for truth with hearts uncowed. | (2) We marvel at the purpose
that held thee to thy course
while ever on the hilltop
before thee loomed the cross;
thy steadfast face set forward
where love and duty shone,
while we betray so quickly
and leave thee there alone. |
| (3) O help us stand unswerving
against war's bloody way,
where hate and lust and falsehood
hold back Christ's holy sway;
forbid false love of country
that blinds us to his call,
who lifts above the nations
the unity of all. | (4) Stir up in us a protest
against our greed for wealth,
while others starve and hunger
and plead for work and health;
where homes with little children
cry out for lack of bread,
who live their years sore burdened
beneath a gloomy dread. |
| (5) O young and fearless Prophet,
we need thy presence here,
amid our pride and glory
to see thy face appear;
once more to hear thy challenge
above our noisy day,
again to lead us forward
along God's holy way. | |

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

PRAYER

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

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

Luke 1: 68-79

Lauren Jiles Johnson

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

SERMON

"The Sacred Past"

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMCe

HYMN #441 (UMH)

What Does the Lord Require

Vocal Ensemble

- (1) What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire or tribute did you bring?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
- (2) Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
- (3) Still down the ages ring the prophet's stern commands:
to merchant, worker, king, he brings God's high commands:
do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
- (4) How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

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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.

Order Your 2024 Christmas Poinsettias!

Help decorate our Sanctuary this Christmas season by ordering poinsettias today. Poinsettias are available in red, white, or pink and come foil-wrapped in dark green.

How to Order:

Drop your order form in the envelope outside the church office.

Scan or email your form to Julie at jwjohnson54@gmail.com.

Text Julie at 630-564-8872 with your order.

The poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary starting December 22, 2024.

Payment Details:

Payment is due by December 31, 2024.

Make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and write “Poinsettias” in the memo line.

For cash payments, seal the cash in an envelope, write your name on the outside, and place it in the envelope outside the church office.

**Online Purchases:**

Poinsettias can also be purchased (but not ordered) via the church website at fumcwg.org.

You may pick up your flowers any time after Christmas Eve evening worship. Thank you for contributing to the beauty of our Sanctuary this Christmas season!

Celebrate the Season with Christmas Caroling and Chili!

You're invited to a joyful afternoon of Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 21, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., followed by a delicious chili supper back at the church. Bring your friends and family to share in the festive fun and spread holiday cheer! We'll meet at the church at 12:40 p.m. to carpool to our caroling stops.

For more information, contact Marcia Buchs at 331-276-7979.

Let's make this Christmas merry and bright together!

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

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