

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

10:30AM

Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.

*Please sign the blue attendance pads in the pews, and
please include contact information if you are a visitor.*

Music to Center Ourselves *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* (Martin)

Welcome to Worship and **The Wave**

***Call to Worship**

O God, hear our call.

Stir up your strength and come to save us!

Restore us, O God.

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

For we know that new life is coming.

A child will change us all.

Let your hand be upon him in blessing.

For he will bring you near.

He will be God-with-us.

***Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

Old Testament reading Micah 5:1-6 Deb Hubbard

Advent Wreath Diane Oxford and Peggy Richter
Come Messiah, Come Messiah (lyrics by Dr. Gary Shiplett), v. 2

***Gospel reading** Matthew 1:18-24

***Hymn** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204

Special Music *Silent Night* Kingston Johnson

Children's Time

Message Pastor Terri Branstrom

***Hymn** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *Reflection on "Veni Emmanuel"* (Lasky)

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today's offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader in the fellowship area, or online on our website.

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

***Offering Prayer**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As you come down the center aisle, you are invited to place a donation for Backpack Buddies in the backpack. Backpack Buddies through Kiwanis helps provide nutritious food for school children to take home on weekends and holidays.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** *The King of Glory Comes* TFWS 2091

***Departing Blessing**

Music for Going Forth *As Joseph Was A-Walking* (Powell)

* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we're invited to stand.

Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Carol Borden

Communion Server: Ted Brainard

Counters: Sue Lagina and Peggy Richter

Projection: Dylan and Denise Messina

Snacks: Pam Thorbahn

Greeters and Ushers: Wilma Vanderdonck and Nannette Martin

Two Advent Studies beginning now:

- *A Child Is Born* by Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine. Discover the fascinating connections between birth narratives in the Old Testament and the Nativity of Jesus during this 4-week study on Sundays after worship.
- *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. is also the preaching/worship theme that Pastor Terri is following this December.

Offerings marked for Advent or Christmas will be sent to MDS Community Action Agency's Walk for Warmth. All money donated stays in Delta County for our friends and neighbors with heating insecurities.

The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the regular 10:30 worship service. Please tell Lisa about anyone of any age who would like to participate. **Adults and teens** are needed to read scripture or narrations. **Children** will be fitted for costumes during Sunday School today and next Sunday.

Pastor Terri's family will once again be preparing a **scrumptious dinner** for after the program. Please sign up now on the bulletin board if you plan on attending the meal.

The Christ Tree, located in the Narthex, is available for donations for a family/person in need during Christmas. Simply follow the instructions located on the table by the tree. We will be taking donations from December 1-14. If you know of someone or a family in need, please contact Pastor Terri. This is available for all ages whether a member of the church or not.

Share your WHITE poinsettia with Memorial in worship. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one with your plant, complete the form on the long table just inside the church's front door, and return the form to the church office by Dec. 17. Then order your poinsettia from whichever florist you choose and have it to the church by Saturday, Dec. 20.

TODAY 11:45 Advent study: "A Child Is Born"
1:30 Bay de Noc Choral Society concert at Bethany Lutheran

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study: "The Journey"

WEDNESDAY 9:00 Knitting and Crocheting
6:00 Band practice
6:30 Bell practice
7:00 Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY – *Last day to donate to the Christ Tree*
3:00 Christmas Cantata at First Lutheran

DEC. 16 7:30 a.m. Packing Christmas boxes at GCCM in Newberry

DEC. 18 4:30 Church Council

DEC. 19 5:00 Game Night

DEC. 21 10:30 Children's Christmas Pageant

DEC. 24 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service



To donate to Memorial Church through Tithely, focus the camera on your smartphone at this QR code and follow the directions that appear on your phone.

Prayer List

New Concerns

Margaret Richard
Audra Buchmiller
Family of Dillon Larson

Recent Concerns

Lettie Houghton
Tim Bishop
Bernice Paulson

Ongoing Concerns

Mindy A.	Lisa Richer Barta	Leah Belanger
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson	Kim Bessonon
Claire Burton	Diane Bishop's cousin Davy	Diane Carlson
Nancy Campbell	Tom and Alice Butch	Kristin Cutcher
Gavin	Shannon Hagen	Ian Goldi
Jeff Hanson	Nancy Harger	Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family	Tracy Jensen and her family	Gail Johnivan
Tom Lack	Dorell Kirschner	Mike Lagina
Christopher Lund	Rodney Potvin and family	Jeanette Mineau
Kris R.	Debbie Rosen	Josiah Pryor
Jordan R.	Brynlee Scott	Kay Shapy
Tim	Eileen Whitenmore	Leona Williams
Pat Clark	Bette DeRoock	Toni Marchese
Beverly Martin	David McCarley	Betty Nyquist
Brian Wood		

Please note that the prayer list will be wiped clean on Dec. 31, and we will start over. If your concern is long-term and you want that person/concern on the list in 2026, please tell Lisa in the church office 428-9311.

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