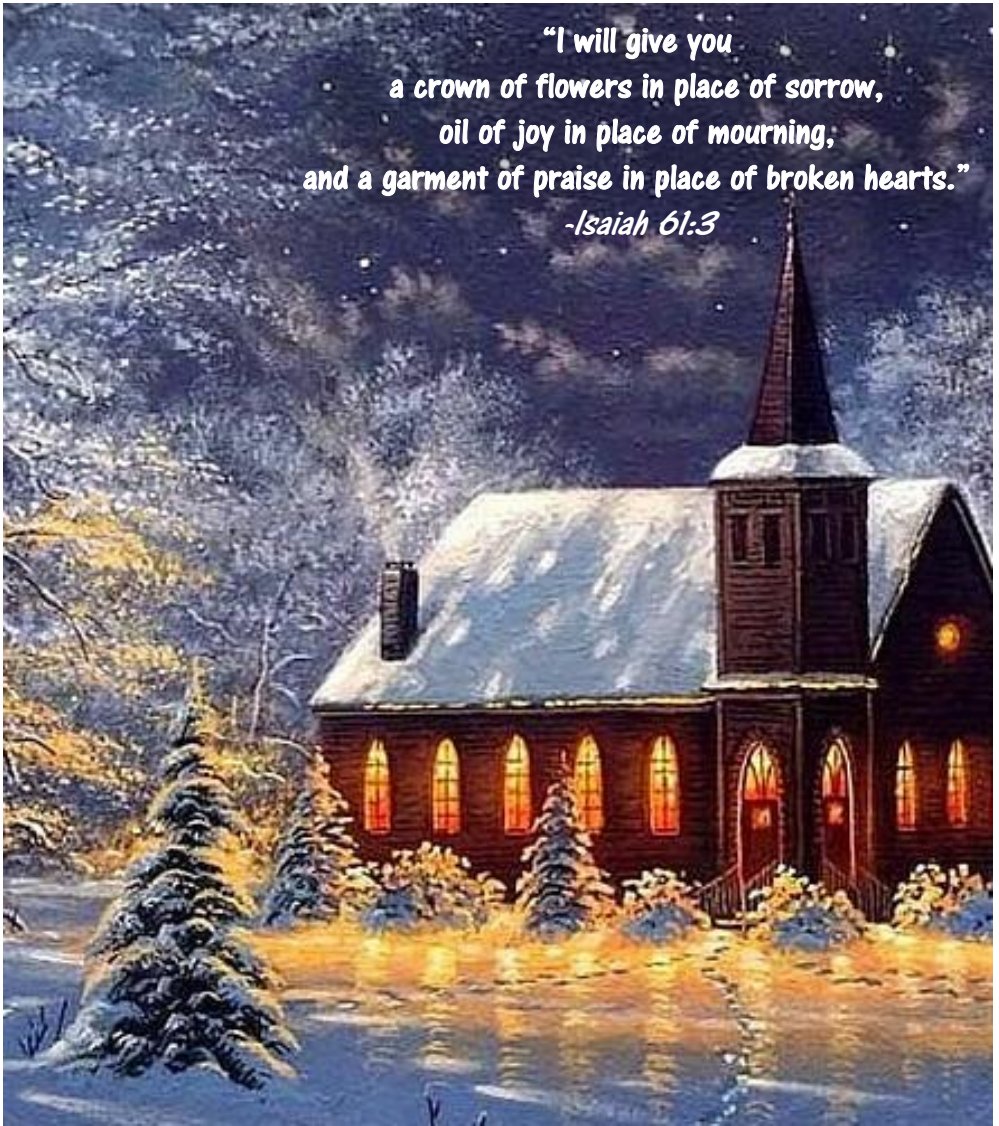


Fifth Sunday of Extended Advent

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM

"I will give you
a crown of flowers in place of sorrow,
oil of joy in place of mourning,
and a garment of praise in place of broken hearts."
-Isaiah 61:3



The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor



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Maribeth Lacasse-Salo, Pew Ambassador

"God's mandate is to love. But the speed of our busy, joyless, and urgent lives is incompatible with love. We have brought it upon ourselves, but we can choose a new path." –Matthew Kelly

"Worshipping even when we don't feel like it is exactly where God takes our act of faith and creates joy within us." –Denise Pass

"The joy of the Lord is your strength." - Nehemiah 8:10

Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit
UMH – The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

WORDS OF WELCOME
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Lighting the Fifth Advent Candle



(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 61:1-11* / **Luke 1:26-56* ("All Earth")

SERMON ***"THEOTOKOS": A MISSION OF JOY***

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *My Heart Sings Out* screen

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Service of Appreciation to Our Serving Disciples

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, ends with †The Lord's Prayer

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *God Rest Ye Merry* screen

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary; you may also give online at peumc.org/donate or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Pray for these members throughout December:

Jerry Fr.; Ellen & Skip M.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.; the Parks Family.

Our Shut-Ins: Mabel J.; Jim H.; Mary & Ed H.; Chris L.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.

Our Children: Gracie & Symphony

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Brandon & Nathan S.;
Danial H.; Carson P.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 11/17: Prayers for the families of those friends who passed away:
Tom and Linda.

From 11/24: Prayers for the **family of Rick Cook** who passed away this past week (Pat Mc.); **Julie B.'s mother** is hospitalized with a fractured vertebra; prayers for strength, comfort, and peace for a friend, **Pat**, whose health is failing; he needs round the clock care; God pour out your blessings upon him & his family (Becky).

From 12/1: Cousins: **Debora K.** – metastatic breast cancer, radiation treatments not going well; **Barbara S.** – inoperable bowel obstruction, in hospice care (Candy P.)

From 12/8: Prayers for the **family of Jim Hess** who passed away yesterday (Kathy Mc.); prayers of comfort for the **family of Pat** (a friend) who passed away last night; may he rest in peace (Becky & Jeff); pray for my sister, **Mary and family**; she just lost her husband to cancer (Marge B.).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (12/16): Psalm 80

Tuesday (12/17): Psalm 85

Wednesday (12/18): Psalm 89

Thursday (12/19): Isaiah 96

Friday (12/20): Psalm 97

Saturday (12/21): Psalm 98

Sunday (12/22): Psalm 113 / Luke 2:1-6

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

Please mark your carpet-color choice in the lobby today (and today only).

December Mission Project:

Fill baskets to brighten the holidays for **3** church members.

(Mission money given in December will go toward this project)



A Call to Discipleship:

(refer to this list throughout the week to keep you accountable!)

- Prayer theme:** for those struggling with maintaining joy;
for those having a tough time this holiday season.
- Consider:** Can I be joyful even without always being happy?
- Action:** Bear God to someone living right now in “a weary world.”
- I will invite these person(s) to church: _____
- I will visit/call these person(s) this week: _____
- Donate \$_____ to a mission/charity/cause this week.
- Set aside \$_____ for my church offering next week.
- Volunteer: Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels
- Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service.
- Pray over the prayer list.
- Read a daily devotional, like the *Upper Room* (take a copy; it's free!)

Sundays Services – 10a

TODAY - December 15th

5th Sunday of Est. Advent

(Isaiah: God's justice is the way forward)
(The Gospel of Luke begins!)

APPRECIATION SUNDAY

December 22nd

Last Sunday of Est. Advent

(Scripture: Mary & Joseph in Bethlehem)

December 29th

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Newborn Saints Sunday

(See insert to collect info.)

(Scripture: Simeon & Anna Meet Jesus)

January 5th

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Communion

(Scripture: Jesus as a Young Boy)

Events & Meetings

Thursday, December 19th

Community Blue Christmas Service – a G.R.A.C.E. event
– hosted @ St. John's Episcopal Church (across from Rapids Post Office) – 6:00p

Tuesday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE @ PEUMC
4p – Family Style (short)
7p – Traditional Candlelight
11p – Intimate Midnight Mass

Monday, December 23rd

**Christmas Caroling @
Edgewater Haven (P.E.)
10:30 – 11:10a.**

**TBD – Nekoosa Courts
immediately following.**

We need volunteers to sign up for our Christmas Eve Services. **4:00p** is filled.
7:00p needs lots of attention!
Thank you for helping out!

Welcome Our New Members of P. E. U. M. C.!

Tom and Jennifer “Jef” DeMeuse



Jef and Tom are transferring their membership from Lake Mills United Methodist Church in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. They also were members of Mercer United Methodist Church in Mercer, Wisconsin.

We will shower them next Sunday with cards of welcome!

You can also mail your cards directly to them:

3121 11th Street S
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
608-358-5642
or email Jef at jefsjoy@gmail.com

**The following individuals are being recognized today
for their volunteer efforts in the areas of
liturgist, greeter, usher, musician,
and pew ambassador:**

Marge Bauer	Ellen Mazurek
Randy Bauer	Skip Mazurek
Bob Berg (+lay leader)	Kathy McGrath
Julie Berg	Pat McGrath
Jeanne Bruener	Judy Miller
Ken Brzezinski	Lisa Miller
Sue Brzezinski	Kathleen Mills
Colby Grunden (+media technician)	Sue Mitchell
Tiara Grunden	Candy Prahl-Tell
Art Harvestine	Norm Silvester
Carol Ann Harvestine	Sharon Studinski
Midget Herschleb	Diane Sweat
Ella Hintz	John Sweat
Eliza Hintz	Leona Sweat
Gabrille Hintz	Becky Taylor
Lori Hintz	Leo Thomasgard
Mike Hintz	Sue Thomasgard
Maribeth Lacasse-Salo	Sara Tyne
Sandy Livestrong	Rose Wirtz

Please let us know if there is a name that was inadvertently left off.

Thank you to all our worship assistants!

And a mighty thank you to all whose names are not on this list who continue to do amazing things for their church family but could not be represented on this list.

It takes a village. We have a magnificent village right here!