



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”

10:15 am Sunday Worship November 27, 2022

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Ryker McCombie

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING (HOPE)

The McCombie Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

P: As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

L: The days are surely coming, says our God,

P: when justice and righteousness will prevail.

L: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds,

P: freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.

HYMN #196, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) **Dear God, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank You for inspiring and leading us to establish Your house here in this place. We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness. We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve You and others. May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves. Through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Esther Losh

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:2-5 (CEB)

In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains. It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it. Many nations will go and say, “Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God so that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths.” Instruction will come from Zion; the Lord's word from Jerusalem. God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations. Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war. Come, house of Jacob, let's walk by the Lord's light.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44 (CEB)

“But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only the Father knows. As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Human One. In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They didn't know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. The coming of the Human One will be like that. At that time there will be two men in the field. One will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill. One will be taken and the other left. Therefore, stay alert! You don't know what day the Lord is coming. But you understand that if the head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn't allow the thief to break into his house. Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One will come at a time you don't know.

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

HYMN #242 “Love Came Down at Christmas”

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

MESSAGE: “The Lord is Coming!” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison): **God of peace and**

justice, in the past year we have once again witnessed the fruits of war: lives cut short, children made orphans, homes devastated, and hearts broken. We pray to see the day that Isaiah saw in his heart, when swords are pounded into plowshares. These gifts we give this morning, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace and for the reign of your son. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #569 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)

3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,

who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

You can also find our online service on our Church Website
We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today
We are glad you are here.
Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

In Our Prayers

Keith Brown, Tim Cavanagh, Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Chris Falk, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Shirley Fritz, Sandy Gabriel, Bob Grissinger, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Jill Hofstetter, John Irons, Madison Keller, Dallas Kosier, Judy Law, Mike Miller, Vickie Moore (Molly’s cousin), Bonnie Parker, Dan Piercy, Ben Pratt, Rich Rathje, Rhea (friend of Bonnie Davies), John Ritchie, Bill Robinson, Lydia Root, Ron Smith, Grace Struve, Pastor Sylvester, Scarlette (daughter of Ashley Huebner), Gi-Tae Yim (Father of Pastor Dave).
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Alice Riffe Torrison, Joy Turner, Bill Weidman, Steve Yenny.
Our country & government. Military Personnel & their families. Global economic crisis. The safety of Ukrainians and the end of the war, farmers in the fields.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November

30 – Vivian Eaton, Joe Michels

December

1 – Bonnie Davies, Max Purchis

2 – John Brigham, Sally Marken, Pearl Michels

3 – Shelby Rathje

CALENDAR

Monday, November 28

1 pm Sewing Ladies

6 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, November 30

10 am Choir Practice

Thursday, December 1

9 am Bible Study

4:30 pm Advent Bible Study

Sunday, December 4 – Hanging of the Greens

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship – **Hybrid Service**

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 51

Sunday Coffee Hour

Please sign up to provide treats/refreshments coffee hour, sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or contact Pastor Dave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist for month of December:

December 4 –

December 11 –

December 18 –

December 25 -

Counter and verifier for month of December:

December 4 – Molly Andersen/Mary Irons

December 11 – Rhonda Law/Pam Darrow

December 18 – Lori Miller/Sharon Guilinger

December 25 – Vivian Eaton/LaVona Grissinger

Acolytes for month of December

December 4 –

December 11 – Dalton Shaw

December 18 – Asia LaShelle

December 24 – Jiho & Jisung Yim

December 25 – Jiwon Yim & Ryker McCombie

West Carroll Food Pantry – Please bring your donations of cereal, crackers, soup, or anything to help people. Thank you.

The West Carroll School Food Pantry is now open to all families with children in Carroll County. This includes Eastland, Chadwick-Milledgeville and the Right Steps Family Center. The hours are 3:30 – 5 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday.

Savanna Food Pantry – Pantry will be open again for volunteers to work. A schedule will be coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

Blessing Basket – The Blessing Basket needs women and children's body wash and deodorant and laundry detergent. And we can always use toilet paper and paper towels. Thank you for your continued support. The Blessing Basket is available to anyone who utilizes the WC Food Pantry. Clients can pick 3 items each time they visit. Please leave your donations in the food pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

Kids Kards – Will meet today following service. We will be making Christmas cards with a chili lunch to share afterwards. All materials are provided and everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Molly Andersen, (815)273-2104. There will be no Kids Kards in December.

Bible Study - Every Thursday @ 9 am

Adult Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 8:45 am

Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 9:30 am

Youth Group – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:45 pm

Choir Practice – Choir will sing during service on the 2nd

Sunday of the month. Next practice will be Wednesday, November 30th at 10 am.

United Methodist Men - Next Monthly gathering, Tuesday, December 20th at 5:30 pm.

Worship

Let us worship God together at FUMC.

10:15 am Hybrid Service

Outdoor, in your car. Tune in to FM 88.9

Pre-recorded online service on our church website.

www.firstumcsavanna.org

Or call 815-599-1307 to hear the latest sermon.

Facebook page – Savanna Firstumc



Hanging of the Greens 2022



December 4th

Order your Poinsettia to remember a loved one or to honor someone. Please complete form below and return to Mary Irons or church office with payment no later than **Sunday, November 27th**. Cost is \$17.00 each. **You can also bring in your own poinsettia. Please fill out the bottom of this form so that the person you are honoring is put into the bulletin.**

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

Quantity: _____

Memory of: _____

Quantity: _____

Total Quantity _____ @ \$17.00 ea.

Amount Paid \$ _____



Christmas season is here!!!!



Calling all Bellringers

Sign up sheets in the Narthex for Bellringers this Holiday season. Please sign up for a 1 hour shift at either Ace Hardware or Sullivan’s Grocery. Please sign up, we still have open slots to fill!

Savanna Historical Museum – Festival of Trees

November 25th – December 11

Weekdays 4 pm – 7 pm

Weekends Noon – 5 pm

Giving Tree –Help us decorate it with hats, mittens, scarves, underwear and socks for children. It will be available for the West Carroll food pantry clients during the month of December. Help us keep our children warm this winter! Any donations, monetary or items are welcome!

Soul Sisters December outing - Wednesday, December 7th, 2 pm at Timberlake Playhouse, Mt Carroll, IL. Matinee showing of Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings. Reservations and payment to Vivian Eaton no later than November 20th.

Community Christmas Concert - Sunday December 11th, 2 pm at First United Methodist Church of Savanna.

Advent Bible Study – “Book of Micah”. Starting Thursday, December 1st @ 4:30 pm. Every Thursday during the Advent season.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7 pm with communion.



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November 27, 2022
10:15 am
Hybrid Service

Vision 2022 – “Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

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