



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

***Please stand as you are able.**

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful arranged by Dick Torrans

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

INTROIT

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"PEACE"

Meredith and Dallas Berry
Laurie Huston and Rosalie Huston

***CALL TO WORSHIP, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS**

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Leader: Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful. For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our lives—choices such as building walls or tearing others down. Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, "Do not be afraid." Let us pray:

Prayer of confession: Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" away onto dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love.

Words of forgiveness: Family of faith, even when we forget God's words, God does not forget us. Even when we lose our way, God does not lose us. Even when we fall short or make mistakes, God forgives and holds onto us. We are known, forgiven, and loved. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, whether it's through angels or music, friendships or sermons, study or nature—when you speak, we long to hear it. In a world as chaotic and broken as ours, we could use your words of hope and healing and peace. **With gratitude we pray, Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Is Born arranged by Robert Wetzler
Chancel Choir

JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

Laurie Huston

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

"From Generation to Generation: God Meets Us in our Fear"
Pastor Karen Evenson

COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (UMH 626 v. 1, 2)

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING OF THE BREAD & CUP

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

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Angels' Carol by John Rutter
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (UMH 211 v 1, 6, 7)

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be with You till We Meet Again
Chancel Choir (UMH 672)

POSTLUDE

The Angel's Trumpet by Dennis Eliot

Worship Hospitality Team

Choir Director ~ Tom Fischer

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Liz and Jim Balabon

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Colleen Capuzzi and Sheila Benson

Jubilee Bells Director ~ Kathy Chojnacki

Organist ~ Diane Gronewold

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Scripture Reader ~ Mark Worst

Ushers ~ Marcia and John Lunsford, Larry Gronewold and Tom Collison

Welcome Center ~ Chuck and Sandy Burnham

Worship Tech ~ Jake Berg



December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent
Matthew 11:2-11; Isaiah 35:1-10
“From Generation to Generation: We can choose a better way”
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

UMCA Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: umcanoka@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 6, 2022	10:00am Knitters Gathering
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	9:00am Sewers and Quilters Gathering 10:00am Men's Breakfast at Bridge Street Coffee Box 4:30pm C.L.A.S.S. Christian Love and Social Stuff 6:00pm Jubilee Bells Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Group and Confirmation Class 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 8, 2022	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Sunday, December 11, 2022	SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 10:00am Sunday School

DECEMBER Ministries of the Month:



Hands on Mission:

****New Toys for Children of all ages up to the age of 18****

**Please bring these items to the
Community Room by **December 14th****

Cash and Check donations are also Welcome