



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent: Lighting the Candle of Hope

Nativity Scene: Angels

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

PRELUDE

Fantasia on Forest Green by Lani Smith

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"HOPE"

Candy and Dave Gislason

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set all people free.

All: We are hoping to be released from our fears and sins and to live in God's love.

Leader: May we find strength in the hope that comes with endurance and faith.

All: We are reminded today, to look for signs of angels among us and to pay attention to what might be unexpected ways and times that God is trying to connect with us.

Leader: Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set all people free.

All: We will wait in hope, as we prepare for love to be born in the world again.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)

KIDS MESSAGE

"Angels"

(Kids of all ages are invited to join the pastor up front)

SPECIAL MUSIC

To Everything There is a Season by Ed Harris
Chancel Choir ~ Conducted by George Chu

A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

Blessing of the Bears

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24-37 (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE

“Are You Ready?”
Pastor Karen Evenson

COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (UMH 626 v. 1, 4)

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

Christ the Appletree by Stanford Scriven
Chancel Choir ~ Conducted by Tom Fischer

OFFERING PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN**

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

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for a Festival by Carl Simone

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Nativity Scene: Joseph

Mark 1:1-8

“Being at Peace, with the Messenger...and the Message”

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Message by Pastor Karen Evenson

Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu

Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Bob Quist

Communion Steward ~ Jim January

Deaconess ~ Kim Harris

Greeters ~ Dan and Marsha Zeller

Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki

Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Elaine Collison

Organist ~ Joan Olson

Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson

Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye

Scripture Reader ~ Candy Gislason

Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Adam Breiner and Dave Panter

Ushers ~ Babs Brown, David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, and Mark Worst

Welcome Center ~ Chuck and Sandy Burnham

Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry and Nolan Schultz

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 5, 2023

10:00am Knitters Gathering

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

9:00am Sewing and Quilting Group

10:00am Men's Breakfast at Barrel House Cafe in Coon Rapids

4:00pm C.L.A.S.S. Podcast Discussion

6:00pm Jubilee Bells Rehearsal

6:30pm Youth Group and Confirmation

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square

9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Friday, December 8, 2023

4:00-8:00pm Live Nativity

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00-8:00pm Live Nativity

Sunday, December 10, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)

9:45am Sunday School

1:00pm St. Olaf Brass Ensemble

5:00pm TC Community Choir at Ebenezer Community Church in Brooklyn Center

*Please contact the office if you have questions
or to get connected to any of the Groups or Zoom meetings*

DECEMBER

Ministry of the Month



**United For The Community:
EASTER “Resurrection & New Life”**

**We will be inviting our neighbors to an Easter
Community Event in March of 2024.**

Easter is March 31st, 2024

