

## 2ND SUNDAY OF EXTENDED ADVENT

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.  
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

### PRELUDE

*Sharwin G.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Doug*

### BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)

*Pastor Doug*

**God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to you. Amen.**

### CENTERING TIME

#### +LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Larry S.*

Larry: Bless the Lord, all you people! Bless God's holy name!

**All: For God forgives our iniquity, and God redeems our lives.**

Larry: Christ opened the way for us, once for all, through the curtain.

**All: Let us approach the Lord with true hearts and assurance of faith.**

Larry: We light this new candle as a reminder that we do not journey alone.

**All: We are in this together, and we encourage one another along the way.**

#### +OPENING HYMN

*Maker, Whom We Live*

UMH # 88

#### +OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):

*Larry S.*

**Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth, all things join together in offering praise to you for your creating love. You brought them into being, giving them a reason and ability to witness with joy. You entered into our existence in Christ, making real (in body and spirit) your faithful presence. Even now, you are showing us what it means to live in your way, and you call us to do so in community. Too often, however, we become preoccupied with problems. We fixate on the flaws in each other and on reasons we cannot do as you have asked, instead of pressing forward with confidence. Forgive us, O God! Speak to our anxious hearts, that we might hear once more the assurance of your faithfulness. Help us to remember that you have already done the heavy lifting. Give us courage and strength, not to go it alone, but to remain open to one another and to the ways our share efforts are part of anticipating your kingdom, here and now. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

#### +SILENT PRAYER

#### +SHARING THE PEACE

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Pastor Doug*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

*Larry S.*

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands every day serving and offering the same sacrifices over and over, sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, he sat down at the right side of God. <sup>13</sup> Since then, he's waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for his feet, <sup>14</sup> because he perfected the people who are being made holy with one offering for all time.

<sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit affirms this when saying,

<sup>16</sup> *This is the covenant that I will make with them.*

*After these days, says the Lord,*

*I will place my laws in their hearts*

*and write them on their minds.*

<sup>17</sup> *And I won't remember their sins*

*and their lawless behavior anymore.*

<sup>18</sup> When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, <sup>20</sup> through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, <sup>21</sup> and we have a great high priest over God's house. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup> Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

#### MESSAGE

**"Covenant Living"**

*Provoking one another to love and good deeds*

*Pastor Doug*

#### HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH# 454

#### COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Larry S.*

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## NOVEMBER 17, 2024

### OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH # 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON):

*Larry S.*

God of Shared Journeys, from the beginning, you have drawn near to us in every way imaginable. You move in and through us, bestowing upon us your blessing, and making us part of your work. As your beloved children, gathered across time and space, we humbly return to you these gifts and offerings. May they be signs of our commitment to journeying together with you.

PRAYER HYMN

*Live in Charity*

TFWS # 2179

JOY AND CONCERNS

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.

+CLOSING HYMN

*In Unity We Lift Our Song*

TFWS # 2221

+BENEDICTION

*Pastor Doug*

POSTLUDE

*Sharwin G.*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER

*Let us hold fast the confession*

*of our **HOPE***

*Without wavering, for HE WHO*

*promised is **FAITHFUL***

HEBREWS 10:23

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Children's CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

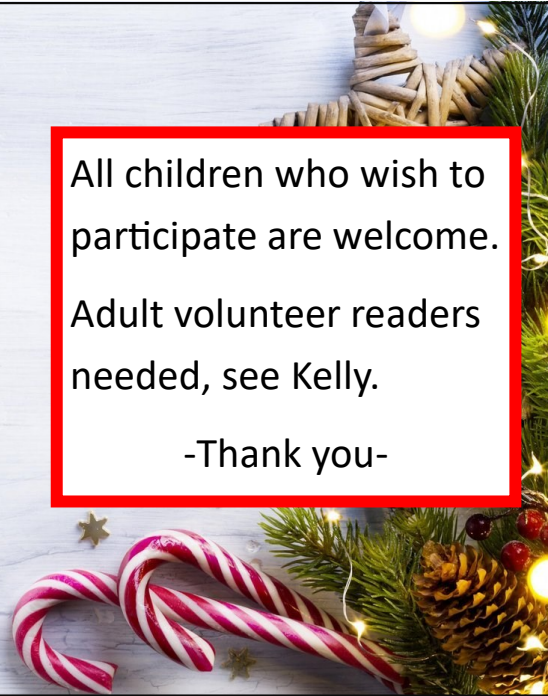
**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 | 2024**  
during worship service

Practice Dates: Sun. Nov. 24, Sun. Dec. 1st, and  
Sun. Dec. 8th at the conclusion of church service

All children who wish to participate are welcome.

Adult volunteer readers needed, see Kelly.

-Thank you-



This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/79niQvJJ4hg>

IT'S TIME TO ADORN THE ALTAR FOR  
CHRISTMAS EVE

IN CELEBRATION OF, IN MEMORY OF, OR IN HONOR



- \* ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
- \* 6.5" POINSETTIA FOR \$10
- \* MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WESLEY UMC—MEMO LINE: POINSETTIA

**REMINDER:** If you haven't turned in your 2025 pledge card, there's still time! Pledge cards help Wesley's financial team create the budget for the upcoming year. -Thank you-



Wesley's next days to volunteer @ SOS is December 2-4-6. Please see Jackie if you can help.

### LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

[If you have a joy or concern let us know!](mailto:wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org) [wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org](mailto:wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org)

**JOYS:** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For **Marshfield Area Respite Care Center** on being recognized with award for excellence.
- For **Karen** (sister of Karalee L.) whose recent knee surgery went well.
- For **Silas** whose birthday is coming up at the end of this month.
- For Karalee's **sister** and **daughter** who both celebrated anniversaries.

#### CONCERNS:

- For **Steven** on his check-up visit with the doctor.
- For **Yvonne S.** who has surgery on Nov. 15.

**HOMEBOUND:** Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

#### OTHERS:

- For **firefighters** and **first responders**.
- For our **veterans** who've served on behalf of loved ones and their communities.
- For those impacted by recent elections in the **United States**.



14: Rachel J.

17: Cheryl R.

24: Isabella S.

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**Hannah Center**  
WHERE NEW LIFE BEGINS

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