



Connecting all people to God's love and purpose

9:00 a.m. Downtown @ 179 South Indiana Street
11:00 a.m. @ Joe's Kids (1692 W. Lake Street)

December 1, 2024 ~ Communion Sunday, First Sunday of Advent

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 1:5-13, 23-28; 39-45 (New Living Translation)

When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old.

One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.

While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John.

When Zechariah's week of service in the Temple was over, he returned home. Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. "How kind the Lord is!" she exclaimed. "He has taken away my disgrace of having no children."

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In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Thank you for joining us in person and in virtual worship today!

Let us know you joined us for worship today (regular attendees and guests) by completing the Welcome to Warsaw First UMC! card provided. Guests are asked to complete so we may add you to our weekly updates for church activities. Or, if virtual attending, by sending us a comment. Large-print worship folders are also available; please see an usher.

Coffee and Fellowship—Downtown Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:00 service and before the start of the 11:00 service at Joe's Kids site.

Statistics from last Sunday:

Attendance: 9:00a 124 in person; 62 virtual / 11:00a 34 in person; 73 virtual

Weekly Giving*: \$9017.24 (*Monday thru Sunday receipts and online giving)

Missions: 4th Quarter mission: UMCOR

US Disaster/Helene: \$1,755; International Disaster: \$25; to be split: \$2,743.09

Advent Devotional booklets from the Society of St. Andrew are available at the entrances or see an usher. The daily devotions can also be received online by subscribing at <https://endhunger.org/advent/>

Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags will be placed on the tree outside the office on Monday, December 2. Gifts are due back in the office no later than December 18.

Community Closet Advent "Fill the Van!" Please see the flyers at the end of the pews or at the usher stations for an all new Community Closet Advent project.





Special Advent/Christmas Missions Offering

You are invited to donate to the special Advent/Christmas Missions Offering now through Christmas Eve. Unless designated otherwise, this offering will be divided equally between the following:

- Pastor's Discretionary Fund - monies in this fund are used at the pastor's discretion to meet emergency, immediate basic needs of those in the church family and community
- Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children - in keeping with the "Children Matter Most" theme, money raised is distributed to Indiana's UMC camping ministries, the three Indiana United Methodist-related children and youth homes, national and global Advance projects and Indiana outreach projects.

You may also continue to give toward the 4th quarter mission focus, UMCOR - the United Methodist Committee on Relief, through the end of 2024. Make checks payable to Warsaw FUMC and indicate the designation of the monies on the memo line. Online donations can be made at the church website (www.warsawfumc.org) - click "Give" and follow the prompts.

Ongoing prayers for...	Priscilla Conley	Wahnema Hardin
Our Church	Clara Griner	Sue Baughman Family
Pastor Brian and Family	Richard Sisk	Nora West
Our church family in long-term care facilities or home-bound.	Rose Ann McCammon	Keelie Eide
Our students and Educators	Delores Adams	Phil (Linda Egolf's son)
Our Country, Military Personnel	Jason Seiffert	Devon Wood
All healthcare workers and First Responders	Rosalie DuGranrut	Stanley Smith
Unspoken prayers	Bonnie Jarboe	Dennis Cook
Betty Ferguson	Joy Carlson	Jeremiah Bowden
Mary Read	Bill Seiffert	Laura Bunch
Judy Drudge	Stephanie Gough	
	Corrie Miller	Community — New Creation Church
	Sue Matthews	

Prayer requests: Contact the church office (574-267-6933) or Richard and Sue Balke (574-267-3787)

Pastoral Care: If you would like a pastoral visit in emergency, sickness, hospital, or just to talk, please contact the church office at 574-267-6933. *After hours: Pastor Brian at (863) 257-0244*

Pastor — Brian Smith brian.smith@inumc.org	Children's Ministries Katie Maile — children@warsawfumc.org
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Schedule for this week (as of 11/26/2024)

Monday—December 2

- 9:30a Pastor Group—Parlor
6:30p Cub Pack 3731—Fellowship Hall, LL-2,
LL-3, Room 202
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 0730—Room 303

Tuesday—December 3

- 5-7p "Miracle of Divine Visitation" Study—
Parlor
5:30p Girl Scout Troop 0158—Room 203
7:00p **Operational Team—offsite**

Wednesday—December 4

- 1:30p **Advent Study-An Unlikely Advent—
Parlor**
6:00p Ginn Handbell Choir-Alcove 3rd Fl.
7:00p Sanctuary Choir—Sanctuary

Thursday—December 5

- 8:00a Men's Bible Study/Pastor—Zoom
9:00a Men's Bible Study/Becknell—LL-2
7:00p **Advent Study-An Unlikely Advent—
Zoom**
7:00p Pastor's Bible Study—Zoom
7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal—Joe's Kids

Friday—December 6

Saturday—December 7

- 10a-5p Narcotics Anonymous In-Service Day—
Fellowship Hall

Sunday—December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 9:00a Worship Downtown
179 S. Indiana Street
10:00a Children's Choir/Bells Rehearsals
10:00a 1st Families Programs
Parent Group (Rm 303)
**Advent Study-An Unlikely Advent
Youth (LL-1),**
Upper and Elementary (Rm 202, 203),
Preschool/Baby (Rm 201)
10:00a **Advent Study-An Unlikely Event
(LL-2)**
10:00a *Let's Talk About It*—Parlor
10:10a **Advent Study-An Unlikely Event
(Joe's Kids)**
11:00a Worship @ JOE's Kids
1692 W. Lake Street

Birthdays coming up...

- 12/1 Ann Compton
12/3 Ashley Neubaum
12/3 Diane Quance
12/4 Wes Olds
12/5 Walter Johnson
12/6 Jon Garber
12/6 Michelle Becknell
12/6 Judy Gongwer
12/7 Jason Seiffert
12/7 Billy Sale
12/8 Deb Starbuck
12/8 Dave Stump
12/9 Carol Wood
12/10 Ryan Wood
12/11 Shayna Cooper
12/11 Mike Arford

AA Support Group Meetings:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. LL-3*
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3
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Friday, 7:30 p.m. LL-3
Saturday 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Sunday 7:30 p.m. LL-3

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings:

- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*
Friday 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Growing Minds

- Monday through Friday 9a-4p Room 202*

The People of God at Worship ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ December 1, 2024

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE Pastor Brian Smith

PRELUDE Richard Dick

GINN HANDBELLS *Angels We Have Heard on High* (arr. A Geschke)

*OPENING PRAYER Pastor Diane Quance

*HYMN No. 178 *Hope of the World*

*ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING The Eagan Family

(congregation response in bold)

Our Advent journey begins today with the lighting of the first candle, the candle of Hope. Like the flame of the candle, may Hope be ignited in our hearts, reminding us that brighter days are ahead.

For those of us facing difficult challenges

Ignite our hearts with Hope.

For the end of wars and conflict both in our own nation and in the world,

Ignite our hearts with Hope.

For those dreams we all have hidden in our hearts,

Ignite our hearts with Hope.

For healing in our own lives and in the lives of those we hold dear,

Ignite our hearts with Hope.

For the Holy Spirit to be a very real presence in our lives during this Advent season,

Ignite our hearts with Hope.

Let us pray. Gracious Creator, in moments of uncertainty, we turn to you with hearts heavy but Hopeful. Grant us the strength to get through challenges, the wisdom to see possibilities, and the courage to embrace the journey ahead. May Hope be our guiding light, leading us on this Advent journey to a place filled with grace, love and possibilities beyond our understanding. Amen

CHORAL ANTHEM *Jazz Gloria* (by N Sleeth)~Conga, Jack Harrell

*GOSPEL READING (on folder cover) ~ Luke 1:5-13; 23-28; 39-45 (NLT) Pastor Diane
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri, Hymn No. 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HYMN No. 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Emily Gough

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Brian

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

MESSAGE

Don't Give Up!

Pastor Cindy Gackenhaimer

HOLY COMMUNION

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*Doxology, Hymn No. 94 (together)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN No. 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in worship today:

Greeter: Judy Wray

Ushers: Don Wray and Mike Reed

Acolytes: Benjamin and Beckett Maile

Communion Servers: Marsha Carey, Ann Baker, Bob and Erin Reed, Jim and Julie Stevenson

Sound: Lori Stovall

Video Streaming: Bruce Andrews

Radio Ministry: Flyn' Brian Walsh, WIOE 101 (online at www.wioe.com)

Hope of the World

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent. Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life, still let thy spirit unto us be given, to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light, walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt, we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain, we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree; an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. (Refrain)

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery. (Refrain)

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. (Refrain)