

## Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Virginia Madsen (healing from hip replacement), Brad Lange (covid), Carolyn Hendrickson (healing), Christy (healing from surgery), Julie Ratka's Aunt (covid), Jeff Schutz (healing from surgery), Marjorie Hultquist (healing), Maxine Grams (healing), and Lori Conyers's Parents (healing).

Happy Birthday to Mike Boudreau & Jensen Rowse.

Happy Anniversary to Paul & Mindy Heath, 10 years & Kevin & Terese Smith, 33 years.

## Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

## \*Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we bring our offerings before you. We humbly ask your blessing upon what they can do. We know you are a God who can bring life to valley of dry bones. We know you are a God who can cause dead roots to grow and produce amazing fruit. So, in hope, we ask that you will take what we have given, allow it to reach out and produce fruits that will lift the spirits of the downtrodden, encourage the depressed, comfort the grieving, and guide those who are lost. In Christ who is our hope, we pray. Amen.

**\*Closing Song** "A Mighty Fortress"

## Benediction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is time to rejoice. The Lord is near! We are called to go forth from this place in the full assurance of One who promises peace, strength and salvation. You have heard the Good News. Now go forth and allow this news to shine for all that you say, all that you do, and all that you are. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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# Minden United Methodist Church

## Order of Worship

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

**2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers  
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.**

## Welcome and Announcements

1. As the advent season starts, our church altar is beautifully decorated by the United Methodist Women. Thank you United Methodist women for all you do for our church.
2. Beginning December 1st, let us read one chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible each day. There are 24 chapters in the Book of Luke. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life.
3. The Sunday school will resume this Wednesday.
4. We are collecting the commitment card. If you want to commit to the church ministry, please send it to the church office.
5. If you would like to volunteer to light the Advent candle during worship time, please contact the church office.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,055.00. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food pantry items.

**First Sunday in Advent: Hope**

**Sinsel Family**

**\*Opening Songs**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine,"  
"Glory to God Forever"

**FWS# 2173**

## \*Call to Worship

**L:** The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?

**P:** We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.

**L:** The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

**P:** We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.

**L:** Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

**P:** Let us praise God for God's blessings in our lives. **AMEN.**

### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. AMEN.

### \*Congregational Prayer

Children's Time

Ginger Frizane

### Scriptures

#### Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to our enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

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### Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Coming Home" Pastor Peter Choi

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