# Dodge Center United Methodist Church November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM \*Stand as you are able



Prelude

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Joys and Concerns** 

**Prayer of Confession, Assurance and Pardon – UMH p.8** 

\*Centering Hymn - UMH #196 (all vs.) "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*Call to Worship

L: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

P: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

### **Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Children's Time

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School.)

Hymn of the Day - UMH #720 (all vs.) "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

New Testament Lesson - Romans 13:11-14

Apostles' Creed, p. 7

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer, p. 895

\*Doxology UMH #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 24:36-44

**Sermon –** "Fling Wide the Door" Pastor Chad Christensen

\*Closing Hymn - UMH # 211 (all vs.) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

\*Dismissal with Blessing



# Welcome to Worship!

Visitors, please sign our guest book before leaving.

Today-8:30 Worship and Sunday School, followed by coffee fellowship

Our next community meal will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The meal will be Turkey Tetrazzini with all the fixings. We thank you for your donations of time, food and financial support of our community outreach meals.

**Looking Ahead:** Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Women's Christmas Potluck Brunch. See the insert for more information.

<u>December 1,8, and 15-</u>1:30 pm-Advent Worship and Study-see insert for more information.

<u>Poinsettia orders are due on December 7th</u>. See the order form included in the bulletin.

<u>Coffee Fellowship</u> There is a sign-up sheet in the back on the small bulletin board to bring treats and serve for coffee fellowship on Sundays. Coffee will be made each Sunday and juice is provided.

**Greeters** are needed each Sunday. Please let Janet know if you can greet or use the signup sheet in the back.

# Thank you to our Worship assistants today, November 30

Reader: Janet Bugarin

Counters: Shawn Lepp and Lisa O'Neil

Pastor- Rev. Chad Christensen Pianist- Janet Bugarin Secretary- Janet Bugarin Sound- Colin Lepp

Total donations needed each week-\$2.211.00

Last Weeks' offering amount: \$337.00

# Worship assistants next week, December 7

Reader: Tyler Kispert

Counters: Kim Marquardt and Doris Weber

The offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for placing your offering there.



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