

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 30, 2025, 9:00 am

1st Sunday of Advent

All are welcome here in the name of the Risen Christ!

An * (asterisk) indicates when those who are able, are invited to stand
UMH indicates United Methodist Church Hymnal (in pews)
Hymnals, pew Bibles, and offering envelopes are in the racks.

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Opening Voluntaries		
Announcements/Welcome of first-time visitors & those visiting with family or friends.		
Passing the Peace of Christ (Isaiah 2, Psalm 122)	Randy Robinson	
*Opening Hymn	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	UMC 196
*Call to Worship (Isaiah 2, Romans 13)	Randy Robinson	
*Opening Prayer (Isaiah 2, Romans 13)	Randy Robinson & Congregation	
*Gloria Patri	UMH 70	
Lighting of the First Advent Candle	Mia & Family	
Song	<i>Light the Advent Candle, vs.1</i>	FWS 2090
Reading from the Old Testament	Isaiah 2:1-5	Randy Robinson
One: The Word of God for the people of God		
All: Thanks be to God		

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Yearning (Isaiah 2, Romans 13, Matthew 24)		All
Words of Assurance (Psalm 122)		Pastor
Children’s Moment		Pastor
Sharing Our Tithes and Offering (Quarter Collection)		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
*Prayer of Dedication		All
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>People Look East</i>	UMH 202
Preaching Text	2 Corinthian 8:9	Pastor
One: The Word of God for the people of God		
All: Thanks be to God		
Message	“Poor”	Rev. Cephas Davis
*Responsive Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs 1</i>	UMH 211
Joys, Concerns, Prayers		Pastor
Sermon Recap	Video	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	UMH 220
*Benediction:		Rev. Cephas Davis
*Postlude		

Thank you...

To **Randy Robinson** - for being our Worship Leader.

To Radio Sponsor **Judy Tonderum** – Be thankful and appreciate your blessings.

Announcements:

Advent Bible Study – An Unlikely Advent

Prepare for Advent with *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups, exploring how God works through unlikely people in the Nativity story. All are welcome!

- ☐ **Sundays** (Nov. 23, Dec. 7, 14, 21) – 10:15 a.m. at Maquoketa FUMC Library
- ☐ **Thursdays** (Dec. 4, 11, 18) & **Sun. Dec. 21** – 5:30 p.m. at Delmar UMC (potluck + study)
- ☐ **Tuesdays via Zoom** (Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16) – 6:30–7:45 p.m.

To join by Zoom, contact the church office: **563-652-4420** or **fumcsecty2@gmail.com**

5th Sunday Special Offering

This month's 5th Sunday Special Offering on **November 30th** will support the Trustees Building Fund, which has been greatly depleted after several major projects completed this year. Your generosity helps us care for our church building so it can continue to serve our congregation and community. Thank you for your faithful support!

Be sure to check out the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Ornament Tree!

Choose an ornament and provide the monetary donation (cash or check) needed to purchase the item listed on the back. Collection boxes for both ornaments and donations are located under the tree. Thank you for helping make dreams come true!

Hospice of Jackson County Holiday Open House & Craft Fair

Dec. 1–7 at 611 W. Quarry St., Maquoketa (M–F 8:00–6:30, Sat–Sun 9:00–3:00).

Visit a comforting space to remember loved ones and light a candle in their honor. Craft fair proceeds benefit HJC.

Christmas Tea

Join us this Wednesday, **December 3rd 9:30 – 2:00** for a festive time of fellowship! To help or donate food, sign-up sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, contact Cindy at 652-3502 (leave a message if no answer). We look forward to celebrating together!

Nativity Display at Preston UMC

In conjunction with the Preston parade of trees please join us at the Preston United Methodist Church on **Friday December 5, 5:00 to 8:00 PM** to view a variety of nativity scenes. Come and enjoy all the beautiful decorations in our church and in the Preston area.

Pastoral Care Need

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact

Pastor Cephas Davis - 903.714.9974 **or** Colleen Petaros – 563.321.0450

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OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ

Equipped to serve God and neighbor.

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