



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 10:30 AM on ZOOM

Texting Small Group: on your own time; sign up to receive texts

Virtual Tea Time: Weekly! Wednesdays, at 3:30 PM on ZOOM

YOUTH GROUP for 6th-12th grade and **FUEL KIDS** for 3rd-6th grade are moving online. Details on website.

Advent Bags are available with advent wreath materials, candle lighting readings, devotions and more. [REQUEST A BAG HERE](#)

Mission Opportunities:

- Bring Christmas decorations for Polk City Nursing Home
- Bring food items or [donate HERE](#) for the Comet Cupboard
- Donate \$20 Walmart cards for kids of families who receive monthly bag of groceries

Commitment Sunday: Nov. 22
Complete a commitment card [HERE](#)

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It's a Wonderful Life

Finding Joy & Gratitude
in Anxious Times

Polk City United Methodist Church
Sundays at 9:30 AM | November 1-22
www.polkcityumc.org



2021 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

As we dream and plan about God's ministry through us in 2021, we are asking everyone to prayerfully consider the ways you will continue your support of our church's mission to feed hungry souls in every season. The process of prayerfully asking God to guide your decision and then making a commitment with your financial gifts is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and praise to God and an opportunity to serve God with your financial resources.



"Together for Joy" Pledge Card

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____

I/We plan to give \$ _____ each week month
for an annual total of \$ _____.

I/We understand that this pledge will 1) help our church sing "together with joy," and 2) can be changed at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____



POLK CITY UMC

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

All words for communal speaking and singing are included below. Attend to these words for worship, and if you are masked, you may speak and sing aloud, but quietly. Say hello and post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

SONG OF PRAISE

“King of Kings”

CCLI Song # 7127647

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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OPENING PRAYER

Amazing God, you have allowed us the privilege all during this year to walk the pathways of hope with Jesus. From your incarnation in Christ at the Nativity to his acceptance of the ministries to which you called him; from the magnificent lessons about caring and compassion as he trod the roads leading to Jerusalem; from the encounters with hostile people to the cries of those in need and to his crucifixion and resurrection, we have been blessed to learn from our Savior and have our lives transformed by his redeeming love. Bring the joy of this day into our hearts. Flood our lives with your words of hope that our ministries may glow with delight at serving you by serving others. Bless this church as we grow and continue to learn what you would have us do. Use us to be a haven of peace and hope in this world that is bound in such anger and fear. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

QUOTES FROM “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE”

“A toast ... to my big brother George. The richest man in town!” – Harry Bailey

“You see, George, you really had a wonderful life...” “Remember, no [one] is a failure who has friends!” – Clarence the Angel

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, “This is mine!” about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. ³³The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. ³⁴There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, ³⁵and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

SONG OF PREPARATION

**“How Great Thou Art”
with “How Great Is Our God”**

**UMH #77
CCLI Song # 4348399**

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

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SERMON

“Looking With Gratitude: Finding Joy”

Rev. Melody Webb

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

PASTORAL PRAYER

Post prayer requests in the [Facebook](#) comments or fill out the [website](#) connect card.

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Make your offering [online](#) or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226 (Attn: Finance Secretary)

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Give Thanks"

CCLI Song # 20285

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
Give thanks

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we look with gratitude upon everything in our lives as a gift from you. We offer all we can back to you in service to your beloved creation and all peoples in it. With great thanksgiving we commit to this spiritual journey of stewarding the resources and treasures that come into our care. Keep us ever mindful of the times when others have shared with us and the difference it made in our lives so that our giving connects us as human family in ever stronger ways. In the name of the one who gave it all, even his very life, for love and justice, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING

SONG OF SENDING

"Forever"

CCLI Song # 3148428

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Sing praise sing praise
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever

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