



POLK CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 13, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Advent Study: Sundays at 10:45 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

Movie Watch Party: Part 2 – Join us this Friday, Dec. 18 at 7:00pm on ZOOM for “It’s a Wonderful Life.” All who RSVP will receive a Movie Night Goody Bag! www.polkcityumc.org

Send us a Video Greeting: Record yourself/your family sharing Holiday Greetings and [upload HERE](#)

Sign up to Light the Advent Candles
Find instructions & pick a date [HERE](#)

Christmas Mission Offering:

- **Ministering to the poor, the homeless & the incarcerated.** 100% of offerings designated for Christmas Missions will be given to Bidwell-Riverside, Joppa & Women at the Well.

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ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

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ADVENT 2020: “Waiting on the World to Change”

This Advent comes at the end of a long year of turmoil. Many of us are ready to collapse from fatigue and let Christmas come as it may, while others of us have had our Christmas tree up since 8pm on Halloween, searching for extra cheer at the end of a difficult year. No matter where you may fall, you are likely waiting for the world to change! That's really what Advent is all about - leaning into the longing and yearning we have for Christ to come into our world, and to change it for good. Join us for worship this Advent:
Sundays at 9:30 AM (Nov. 29 - Dec. 20)

Worship online: [Facebook Live](#), [ZOOM](#) or on our [Website](#)

"Coffee & Fellowship" begins on ZOOM at 9:15 AM

JOIN ZOOM ONLINE: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236822821>

CALL BY PHONE: 1-312-626-6799 &

enter **Meeting ID** when prompted: 862 3682 2821

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Find online worship links at www.polkcityumc.org/worship

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 20th

5:00PM | Facebook Live

an online service to

name the people and things we miss and are grieving this year

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24th

5:00PM | ZOOM

ZOOM worship that includes a live interactive "Silent Night" candle-lighting

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

All words for communal speaking and singing are included below. You are encouraged to either speak the words in bold aloud as you worship, and to sing out your praise, or to attend to these words for worship and meditate on their meaning. You are also invited to greet one another and post prayer requests in the [ZOOM](#) chat, the [Facebook](#) comments or to fill out the [website](#) connect card.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship Christ – Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.

We come to worship Christ – Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy Instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ – Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.

CAROL OF PRAISE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1 & 3

UMH 234

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Mike, Michelle, Allison & Avery Hurt; Dave, Amber, Grayson & Cohen Schelling; and Emily, Justin & Parker Young

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, when our circumstances cause us sorrow or despair, remind us of the joy of your salvation. Cast out our fear, our pride and our greed, so that we would know the joy of living fully in the light of your love. Amen.

CANDLE-LIGHTING CAROL

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” verse 6

UMH 211

Light three advent candles for “Hope,” “Peace” & “Joy”

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Post prayer requests in the [ZOOM](#) Chat, 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.

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Glo - - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!

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Verse 2

Shepherd, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Glo - - - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me

to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim release for captives,
and liberation for prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and a day of vindication for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ to provide for Zion's mourners,
to give them a crown in place of ashes,
oil of joy in place of mourning,
a mantle of praise in place of discouragement.

They will be called Oaks of Righteousness,
planted by the Lord to glorify himself.

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins;
they will restore formerly deserted places;
they will renew ruined cities,
places deserted in generations past.

⁸I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and dishonesty.^[a]

I will faithfully give them their wage,
and make with them an enduring covenant.

⁹Their offspring will be known among the nations,
and their descendants among the peoples.

All who see them will recognize
that they are a people blessed by the Lord.

¹⁰I surely rejoice in the Lord;
my heart is joyful because of my God,
because he has clothed me with clothes of victory,
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,
and like a bride adorned in jewelry.

¹¹As the earth puts out its growth,
and as a garden grows its seeds,
so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise before all the nations.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:46-55:

⁴⁶ Mary said,
 “With all my heart I glorify the Lord!
⁴⁷ In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.
⁴⁸ He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.
 Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored
⁴⁹ because the mighty one has done great things for me.
 Holy is his name.
⁵⁰ He shows mercy to everyone,
 from one generation to the next,
 who honors him as God.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm.
 He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.
⁵² He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones
 and lifted up the lowly.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
 and sent the rich away empty-handed.
⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
 remembering his mercy,
⁵⁵ just as he promised to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to Abraham’s descendants forever.”

SERMON

“Joy Can’t Wait”

Pastor Melody Webb

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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

DOXOLOGY CAROL

“What Child Is This” verse 3

UMH 219

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh	This this is Christ the King
Come, peasant, king, to own him	Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
The King of kings salvation brings	Haste haste to bring him laud
Let loving hearts enthrone him	The babe, the son of Mary

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Everlasting one, we bring to you today gifts of our love and our dedication. Receive these gifts, our service, and our faithfulness, that we may build and shape the church to bring glory to your name. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING

CAROL OF SENDING

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

CCLI Song # 5607039

<i>Verse 1</i>	<i>Verse 2</i>
Joy to the world the Lord is come	Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let earth receive her King	Let all their songs employ
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room	While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
And heaven and nature sing	Repeat the sounding joy
And heaven and nature sing	Repeat the sounding joy
And heaven and heaven and nature sing	Repeat repeat the sounding joy

Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

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Verse 3

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
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