



# FIRST UNITED

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## METHODIST CHURCH | Lindstrom, MN

*“As followers of Jesus Christ, we will proclaim the message of God’s kingdom and bring hope to a hurting world beginning in Chisago County.”*

**Worship Service**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

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***Prelude***

***Opening Hymn #139***      *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty King of Creation”*

***Lighting the Advent Candle: Hope***

***Welcome & Announcements***

***Prayer of Confession***

**All: God, you have told us not to worry because you care for us. And yet, we have allowed our fears and our anxieties to consume us. We have trusted our own instincts and we have forsaken the peace you long to make real with in us. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for failing to trust in you and for forgetting to call on your name.**

**Forgive us for worrying about so many things instead of bringing our worries to you in prayer. Free us, once more, so that we might faithfully follow you, trusting you in all times and places. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the words of Paul, “Do not worry about anything, but in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

***Scripture Reading***

Luke 1:5-25

**Gloria Patri #70**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Prayer Concerns & Offering**

**Worship Songs**

*"For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open My Eyes"  
"Word of God Speak"*

**Sermon**

Pastor Chris Kneen

**Communion & Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn #211 vs.1,2,3**

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## **SUNDAY-FUNDAY**

MAKE SUNDAY THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK! YOU GO TO CHURCH, GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, PLAN ACTIVITIES. IT IS A DAY TO WORSHIP, RELAX, PLAY, EAT AND CELEBRATE.

1. What is a recent surprise you have experienced? A promotion? New family member? You earned all A's? You joined this church?
2. Of the major characters in this scripture reading, Zechariah, Elizabeth, John - with whom do you identify most? Why? With whom do you identify the least?
3. When was the last time you doubted God and what caused it?
4. When have you been obedient to God and yet felt forgotten? What caused your doubt?
5. How can we prepare the way for others to receive the good news of Christmas?

# Announcements

**Living Nativity.** FUMC will have three showings of the Nativity starting at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 18th. Please see the sign-up board in the Fellowship Hall to see how you can help.

**Church Charge Conference.** The Church Charge Conference will take place on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30pm. It will be followed by the AD Council at 7pm.

**Contribution Statements.** Last spring, we updated our contribution tracking system. This update now allows us to send out contribution statements via email. We are currently testing this capability. If you DO NOT want your statement sent out via email, please let me know before 12/15/21. I can be reached at [lkploog@gmail.com](mailto:lkploog@gmail.com) or 612.616.5657.

**Unexpected Company Chorale** is pleased to invite you to their winter concert, "Returning to You". Performances are Friday, December 3rd, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lindstrom at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 5th, at Forest Hills Church in Forest Lake at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or in advance from their website, <http://www.ucchorale.org>

**Bell Ringers!** In 2020 the Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Brinks collected \$15,727. Let's try to top that this year! Talk to Gary Gerke or Irv Lecy or call Roger or Kevin at Brinks to set a time slot. They have a sign up sheet at Brinks for you to pick a time that works for you. Ringing starts November 24th!

## Mission Focus

Heifer International works around the world in 21 countries alongside local farmers and business owners. Giving an animal donation is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. As these businesses grow, they in turn help others by gifting animals to others in need.

During the month of December we will be filling a stable with animals to change lives! Check out the bulletin board in the church hallway to see our stable and how many animals will be sponsored through First United Methodist Church, Lindstrom.

# This Week's Calendar...

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

***First Sunday of Advent***

9am - Worship Service

10:05 - Sunday School (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

5p-7p- Confirmation

6p- Bells

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

***Second Sunday of Advent***

9am - Worship Service

10:05am - Sunday School (Sanctuary)

## INTENTIONAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Resolving congregational differences is a requirement. Matthew 18:15

## DISCIPLE MAKING

The business of the church. Mark 16:15

## GRATITUDE

Showing you value other people.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

## HUMILITY

The ability to see our own need for maturity. Proverbs 11:2

## TRUST

Feel safe with one another. Eph. 6:7

## LOVE & RESPECT

Building blocks of trust and wellbeing in relationships.  
1 Peter 3:8

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Using our resources to connect outside the church. Hebrews 13:16



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# Core Values