

The logo features a stylized red flame or leaf shape on the left, partially overlapping a black cross. The text "FIRST UNITED" is in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, with a red horizontal line underneath. Below that, "METHODIST CHURCH | Lindstrom, MN" is in a smaller, black sans-serif font.

FIRST UNITED

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, December 5, 2021

Prelude

Opening Hymn #238

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lighting the Advent Candle: Peace

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Confession

All: We are mindful of the ways we walk in darkness, avoiding the light, Light of the World. We choose to live with harmful habits rather than count on you to bring us to health. We choose to stay the same rather than accept the new life to which you draw us. Forgive us for our unwillingness to change. Create in us a desire for the adventure of life lived in the light. Amen.

Leader: Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. May this gracious gift of being in right relationship with God draw us closer to the path God would have us walk.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Gloria Patri #70

Apostles’ Creed

Prayer Concerns & Offering

Hymn #211 vs. 1, 4 & 5

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Sermon

Pastor Chris Kneen

Communion & Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #196

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Benediction

Postlude

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 your favorite thing about Christmas?
2. Have you ever been told about the events surrounding your birth? What are they?
3. If an angel told your mom and dad you were going to have a baby this year how do you think they would react?
4. In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is impossible with God? What keeps you from believing this?

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. We need actors to fill all the spots!

Church Charge Conference- The Church Charge Conference will take place on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30pm.

Bell Ringers at Brinks! 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!

Christmas Dinner- In its mission to serve community, FUMC will be host to its 31st Christmas Meal served Christmas Day by volunteers from within and outside of the church. Due to on-going COVID concerns, the meal will be offered in drive-through fashion. A sliced turkey dinner with sides and a slice of pie will be prepared and packaged Christmas Day morning. If you'd care to volunteer that morning, please reach out to Craig Stockel (612.245.2416). If you aren't available to help that day but would like to help, financial contributions may be placed in the offering plate with "Christmas Meal" in the memo line. Prayers are always welcomed. Reservations must be made by calling the church office no later than Dec. 18 to allow for adequate timing of needed supplies; Sarah will assign pick-up times for all reservations.

Christmas Eve Prelude (3pm 12/24) - We are looking for musicians (or poets?) to help provide an extended prelude to our Christmas Eve service. Adults/youth/children, pianists/guitarists/vocalists/tuba-players... all are welcome. Share your talents as a gift for the newborn King. Please RSVP to Bret RempelEwert (bretgyver@gmail.com / 309-369-9328)

Hallelujah chorus - Dust off your choir robes. If the Blue Monks can do it, so can you. We will be having an impromptu (with notice), volunteer, ad-hoc choir at the end of service on Dec. 19th.

Christmas Caroling - Also on Dec. 19th. Meet at the church at 4 pm. We will plan to hit similar stops as last year.

Christmas Eve Choir - If you have not already, come join the Grand Christmas Choir. No prior singing, or music reading experience required: Terry is teaching us via the "think" system. Practices are on Wednesdays at 7pm.

This Week's Calendar...

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

9am - Worship Service

10:05 - Sunday School (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7p- SPRC

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

5p-7p- Confirmation

6p- Bells

Thursday, December 9, 2021

11a- Hope Circle; potluck luncheon

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

9am - Worship Service

10:05am - Sunday School (Sanctuary)

10:30am - Living Nativity meeting (Sanctuary)

INTENTIONAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Resolving congregational differences is a requirement. Matthew 18:15

TRUST
Feel safe with one another. Eph. 6:7

LOVE & RESPECT

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

DISCIPLE MAKING
The business of the church. Mark 16:15



First United Methodist Church

Core Values

GRATITUDE

Showing you value other people.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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