



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 12, 2021 at 9:30am
Third Sunday of Advent



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ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

Prelude

“Silent Night”
“We Three Kings”

played by Buerkley Owens
played by London Owens

Welcome

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Lighting the Advent Wreath III The Candle of Joy

White-Nguyen Family
Justin, Hoa, Emily and Morgan

The season of Advent bids us to gather;
Our resolve may quake, yet we journey together.

The Shepherds rally their flocks: “Let us go now!
Let us see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known
to us!”

It is a rally beginning the journey to joy.
It is a rally for a people who find joy in God.
In the shuffling, in the wandering, God is in this.

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Joy. The Light of Joy
for you, for me, and for this beautiful, broken world. May joy burn bright in
every corner of our lives. Amen.

Anthem

“Coventry Carol”
Chancel Bell Choir

arr. Julie Stitt

Centering Prayer (inspired by Zephaniah 3, Isaiah 12)

Alicia Owens

God of our salvation, you bring victory to the righteous and comfort to the outcast. As we come before you this day, lighten our hearts with laughter and loosen our tongues to sing your praise. For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the fountain of our joy. Be with us now and always. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

Loving God of all, renew our hearts and minds.
Reveal your wildest dreams, break through to each of us.
Unite us in your vision, equip us for your work.
Transform us by your song, create our harmony.
May we embrace your future, and be your loving church. Amen.

Please join your church in praying the Breakthrough Prayer daily at 8:35.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Time with Adults

“The Journey to Joy”
“Nativity Now” Worship Series 3 of 4

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Christmas Pageant
“The Nativity: A Documentary”

Part 1

“Message of the Prophets”

Carol

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs. 2 by H. S. Coffin

*Please remember that we are **not** singing as a church during in-person worship due to pandemic concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Part II "Our Hearts, Our Dreams"

Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
vs. 1 by C. Wesley/R. H. Prichard

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Part III "Caesar and the Census"

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
vs. 1 by P. Brooks/L. H. Redner

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Part IV "A Manger Menagerie"

Carol "What Child Is This" vs. 1 by W. C. Dix

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Part V "A Flock of Shepherds"

Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High"
vs. 2 Trad. French carol

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Part VI "The King and the Kings"

Carol "We Three Kings" vs. 1 by J. H. Hopkins, Jr.

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Part VII "Do Not Be Afraid"

Thank you to all of the Christmas Pageant participants!

Sharing the Peace*

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a mutual sign of peace.

Sharing Our Gifts and Lighting Our Conflux Candles

*Your gift in-person, by mail or phone, or online at richfieldumc.org/give
supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

*You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate
the moments this week where your life's journey met God's heart.*

Celebration Music "Best to Enter My House" by Victor Zupanc

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Gratitude / Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

Prayers of the People

LORD in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The LORD's Prayer

Our God, 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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn “Emmanuel” (Hope of Heaven)
by Jeff Pardo, Seth Condrey, Steve Fee

Benediction
...And until we meet again,
let us live in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.

Postlude “Christmas Time Is Here” by Vince Guaraldi



Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.

Hello, guests! Welcome to worship as Richfield UMC. It's a big step to come to a new church and we're glad you're here. If you have questions, please ask any church member, and we hope you have a good experience.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today—December 12

UMW Bake Sale: Bake Sale to Go

Order pick-up today, Sunday December 12.

Cardmaking 101—Make Christmas Cards—12/1, 12/8, 12/15

Make Christmas Cards for our homebound members and other folks in our church community. All levels of experience welcome. Dec. 1, 8, & 15, from 6:30-8pm in the Grace Room. RSVP: Susan Johnson at 612-812-4892

Advent Devotional & Photo Challenge

Richfield UMC has an **Advent Daily Devotional** of original prose, poetry, and photos by church members and worshipers, including the original Advent Wreath liturgy written by Rev. Nate Melcher we will use on Advent Sundays this year.

Pick up a copy on campus, read it on the church website at richfieldumc.org/devo/, or follow Richfield UMC on [Facebook](#) and read the daily devotion each day as it is posted.

Additionally, this year we've got an **Advent "Photo a Day" Challenge**. For this spiritual practice, take a moment to reflect on the day's challenge word, then respond by taking a picture based on how you interpret it. You're encouraged to share your photo with someone close to you or post it as a comment at the Richfield UMC Facebook page (facebook.com/richfieldunitedmethodistchurch).

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24 at 4:00 pm
Family Worship

Friday, December 24 at 9:00 pm
Traditional Worship

In-person and online at youtube.com/richfieldumc
or by touch tone phone: 1.888.650.5835.

All ages are welcome for either service.

Nursery is available at the 4:00 pm service.

Both services feature the same sermon and end with singing "Silent Night."
The Family Worship has elements specifically designed for young children to experience the Nativity story at their level.

Online-Only Worship on December 26

youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

After this long season of distanced worship from necessity, we will experiment with distanced worship with intentionality. Please do not come to campus that day and thank you for your grace.

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read

January 3: Share book recommendations for future meetings

February 7: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Contact [both Fern Albertson](#) and [Molly Reko](#) to get connected.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Contact [Molly Reko](#) to get connected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study

Contact [Kent Johnson](#) to get connected.

Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group

Contact [Kent Johnson](#) to get connected.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience today:

The Nook - A space connected to the Sanctuary perfect for having a quiet or wiggly moment.

Art Cart - Children can fill a bag with items in The Nook to bring with them to worship with their families in the pews.

Sacred Ground - This space is temporarily closed. Please feel free to sit together as a family in the pews, or use the Nook instead.

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them while seated with their parents/guardians.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook. There is no Sunday School on "Children First" Sundays, the 1st Sunday of the month.

Nursing Mothers - You may nurse wherever you like. There is also a reserved Nursing Room available near the Library area.

An Everyday Prayer Life Is for Everyone

May we devote time and energy to God and neighbor and pray every day for:

- Open minds and hearts for "conflux moments."
- People in need of a loving church home.
- Our church's journey toward vitality.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Maxene Schwanke, Jan Hansen, Joyce Walls, Sara Watne's sisters, Hope and Lora, Laurel Lien, Tim, son of Roxie and Bill Hillger, Caroline Riley, Lee Weiser's father, Joseph Weiser, Roxie and Bill Hillger, Sharon Morrow, David Couillard, and Susan (SK) Johnson.

Prayers for those who are Grieving:

- * Barb and Dave Rogers and family in the death of Barb's mother, Betty Donovan.
- * The family and friends of Dale Blomsness. A service was held on Dec. 2.
- * Susan and SK Johnson in the death of Susan's brother, Jim.
- * Toni and Greg Locke and family in the death of Toni's mother, LaRose Martin. A service was held on Dec. 4.

This Week's Calendar

The church office/Campus is open Tues.-Thurs., 8am-4pm.
The Church Library is open when the campus is open.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:30 am Confirmation Class
10:30 am Indoor Fellowship
10:30 am UMW Bake Sale Pick-Up Day
10:45 am Bus Driver Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am CFC Soccer
6:15 pm Church & Society Meeting
6:30 pm Christmas Card Making
7:00 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Friday, December 17, 2021

Saturday, December 18, 2021

8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, December 19, 2021

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Indoor Fellowship

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm Family Friendly Worship Service
9:00 pm Traditional Worship Service

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Ann Johnson, Greg Locke, Devon Olson, Buerkley Owens, London Owens, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Alicia Owens, The White-Nguyen Family

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, Dale Olson, Steve Warner

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