



December 4, 2022 at 9:30 am
Second Sunday of Advent



bold = in unison

* Please rise in body or spirit.

ENTRANCE

Prelude	"Little Farandole"	by G. Moroccan
Welcome		Rev. Ruth Phelps
Lighting the Advent Wreath II The Candle of Peace		Sarah Callahan Promise, Daniella, Denver

We gather in the season of Advent, a season of Peace.

On the mountains and in the grass, through the sun and the rain,
Blessed be the LORD who defends, delivers, does wondrous things.
God sends news from the heavens to the shepherds.
The name they speak throughout the land is a blessing to all.
Tidings of comfort and joy fill the winter air.

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the Candle of Peace.
Blessed be the name of God forever and fill the whole earth!
May Peace light up this world. Amen.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

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

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call. Refrain

Prayer of Confession

Come, Faithful One, and make us prophets of your nearness. While the world groans wearily with loss and grief, we eagerly anticipate your birth among us. We prepare through repentance for wrong actions. We prepare with acts of care and mutual aid. We prepare with offerings of imagination, readying ourselves for changes to come. Make us like midwives of your long-awaited presence. Hear us now in our silent confessions to you...

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Time with Children

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.

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

*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 “Of Thy Father’s Love Begotten” 13th Century Plainsong
Chancel Choir and Bells

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46b-55 (NRSVUE)

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Tidings of Peace”
“Tidings of Comfort and Joy” Worship Series 2 of 4

Rev. Ruth Phelps

THANKSGIVING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so,
With your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

...proclaiming the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever
Amen, amen, amen, amen.

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.**

Sharing Our Gifts

*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.*

Receiving the Sacrament

*There is no barrier between you and the table.
All who seek the grace of Jesus are welcome.*

Music During Communion

"How Lovely Are the Messengers" by F. Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

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.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn★ “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” UM Hymnal 213
vs. 1, and 4

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold, the King of glory waits;
 the King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here!
4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
 until our glorious goal is won;
 eternal praise, eternal fame
 be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Benediction★

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

Postlude “The King Shall Come” by M. Burkhardt



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 4

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Meet your teachers in the Nook.

Pub Theology—First Sundays at 7:00pm-8:00pm—(in-person only)
Wild Mind Ales, 6031 Pillsbury Ave., Minneapolis (street parking) The next gatherings are Dec. 4 and Jan. 8. Join Pastor Nate at this monthly drop-in discussion group. Arrive early, order a drink and/or a bite from the food truck.

Richfield Symphonic Band Holiday Concert this afternoon, Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Free-will offering.

Advent Devotional available in the Commons Area

During Advent, these daily devotions will appear on our Facebook page (facebook.com/RichfieldUnitedMethodistChurch) and the devotional is available in its entirety on the church website at richfieldumc.org/devo.

Christmas Poinsettias - You are invited to honor your loved ones by giving towards the flowers for this year's Christmas celebration. Please see the insert in today's bulletin or the back page of the November/December Newsletter for a form. **Please return the form with your payment by next Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022** to ensure the loved ones you are honoring are listed in the bulletin.

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone

Program: "Churches of Minnesota; Highlighting the Christmas Season", with speaker, Doug Ohman **Thursday, December 8th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm** Both in-person and via online/phone. There is no charge for this event, Social dessert time follows the program. **RSVP by today, Sunday, Dec. 4th**, by signing up in the Commons, emailing kbergeland@richfieldumc.org, or calling the church office 612-861-6086

Next Sunday, December 11

Children's Christmas Pageant: Star Trip—Interested in participating? Contact Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org

UWF Bake Sale—Get your holiday baking done the easy way with the bake sale on Dec. 11. Cookies, breads and other items for sale, gluten-free items available. If you would like to donate items for the sale, drop off at the church on Sat., Dec. 10, 10 am-2:00 pm or Sunday morning before service. Any questions please contact Toni Locke at toni@ggrreegg.com or 612-840-9797.

Worship Service of Hope and Healing (In-Person Only)

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm

The long winter nights, the coming of special holidays, and the close of the year can stir up many emotions, including loss, joy, wonder, exhaustion and grief. Let us gather in solidarity and support in this special worship service featuring gentle music, meaningful prayer, candle lighting and other interactive moments. This service is in-person only.

Ongoing and Open

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

December 5: Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

Contact Fern Albertson, wfalbertson@gmail.com, to get connected.

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

Contact Molly Reko, mollyreko@comcast.net, to get connected.

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

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

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

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience when worshipping in the Sanctuary:

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

Art Cart - Children can use items from the cart while worshipping in the Nook or can fill a bag with items to take into the sanctuary during worship

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them at the front of the sanctuary. Parent/guardians are welcome to join their children too.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, children may go to Sunday School or stay in the sanctuary to worship. Children meet Sunday school teachers in the Nook. Sunday school is held in the Fellowship Hall or outside (weather-dependent). There is no Sunday School on 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.

Our prayers are a beautiful expression of care and solidarity for each other.

We pray in celebration.

We pray with gratitude.

We pray for those who are ill: Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Bill Hillger, Jane Parry, Agnes Danzl, Connie Gillespie, Derek, nephew of Susan and SK Johnson, Bill Mosher, brother of Lori Claussen, Ann, niece of David Butler, Joanne Green, Dottie Gilkeson, and Dolores Anderson.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve.

We pray for our neighbors.

We pray for all in the RUMC community.

Please call the church office to be included in any of the prayers of our church.

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 04, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
9:45 am Sunday School
4:00 pm Richfield Symphonic Band
Holiday Concert
7:00 pm Pub Theology

Monday, December 05, 2022

10:00 am CFC Music
1:30 pm Women Who Read

Tuesday, December 06, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 07, 2022

8:30 am CFC Soccer
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Church and Society Meeting
6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

6:30 pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 08, 2022

1:00 pm Time for LIFE
4:00 pm CFC Toddler Christmas Party

Friday, December 09, 2022

Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group
9:00 am UWF Prep for Bake Sale
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, December 11, 2022

UFW Bake Sale and
Walker Jewelry Sale
9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)
10:45 am Confirmation Class

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

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Nancy Dierauer, Tanner VanderKrabben

Liturgists: Sarah Callahan, Promise, Daniella, and Denver, Rev. Hope Hutchison,
Rev. Ruth Phelps

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson, Michele Wegscheid

Please let the church office know if you or someone from the church is hospitalized or immediately pre or post hospitalization. The pastoral care team is available to extend care and provide support in times of need. The Parish Minister for the week of Dec. 4 is Pat Norton.

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