

December 10, 2023; 9:00 am
Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

We Gather Together

Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on ZOOM or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew.

Gathering Music: *please join in singing the following Christmas Carols*

PH 44 "O little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1 & 4

PH 31 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1 & 2

PH 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1 & 3

"Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"

Welcome & Announcements

Jolene Schry

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

Lighting the Candle of Peace

The Rehn Family

We light this candle in Hope.

We light this candle for Peace.

Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11:1-10

Let us pray:

Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

***Sung Response: GTG 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

vs. 1, 2 4 & 7

***Call to Confession**

Jolene Schry

Wilderness living calls us to seek God
in the voice that cries out,
**“Valleys will be lifted up
and mountains will be made low,”**
to seek God
in the sound of the one who speaks of peace,
“The day of the Lord is coming,”
to seek God in the loud noise that foretells what
will be made new.
**In the wilderness,
let us listen only for God’s voice.
Let us worship God!**

***Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 40, Psalm 85)**

Jolene Schry

God of love and kindness,
you have promised to renew our lives,
to be with us in a new heaven and new earth—
a realm where steadfast love and faithfulness
embrace forever.
**We are afraid of your promised coming.
We cling to rules we understand:
the rules of privilege and power.**
We are afraid of a world of true justice and peace,
afraid that you will change the way
things have always been.
**As we wait for you to live among us,
we confess our unwillingness to see
that you have always been here.**

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 40, Psalm 85)**

In God’s love and mercy,
we are given each new day
for the healing of the world.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response: GTG 113** chorus only "Gloria"

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (page 667 in the pew Bible)

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹ Lord, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² **You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (page 34 in the pew Bible)

Piano Solo: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Evy Summeril

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Wilderness Waiting”

***Sung Response: GTG 87** “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People”

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering: “Greensleeves”

arr. Paul Manz

***Offertory: PH 53** “What Child is This” vs. 3

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

***Sung Response: GTG 106** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Veni, Emmanuel

arr. Marilyn Biery

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Looking Ahead

Worship	December 17	Pastor Ken Nabi
Christmas Eve Worship	December 24	Pastor Dan Schultz
	9:00am	– Celebrating the 4 th Sunday of Advent
	6:00pm	– Traditional Christmas Eve Service

New Year's Eve Worship December 31 Chaplain Darren Beachy

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Pat D.	Lynn K.
Gib D.	Jane D.
Arnold L.	Ashley K.
Jesse F.	Dick S.
Liam A.	Mike S.
Burt M.	Dale Frize
Cathie	Peggy G.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	Maryann C.
Marie L.	Presbyterian Nominating Committee (PNC)
Sandy T.	

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please leave a voice mail message, on the office phone, (920.922.0425). We will direct your call to the appropriate person, the following day.

December Deacon of the Month
Deb Spoerke

December Elder of the Month
Larry Johnson

This Week at Church

Sunday 12.10 Second Sunday of Advent

9:00-10:00am Worship
10:00-10:30am Congregational Meeting
Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections
• Adults Sermon Discussion – Pedro A. is hosting.
• 8th-12th Grade Room 6
• 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
• Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
11:15-12:30 Luncheon
5:30-7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting

Monday 12.11

10:00-11:00am Growing Connections Planning
11:30-12:30pm Staff Meeting
2:30-3:30pm Loving Team

Wednesday 12.13

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir
5:30-7:30pm Women in Faith

Friday 12.15

7:00-9:00pm Cribbage

Saturday 12.16

9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

Sunday 12.17 Third Sunday of Advent

**Angel Tree gifts need to be at church by today.
They will be blessed after worship in Fellowship Hall.**
9:00-10:00am Worship – Pastor Ken Nabi
Celebrating 50 Year members.
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections – Intergenerational Activities

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
December 3, 2023	98 IN THE SEATS	\$1,822.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
11/27--12/02/2023		\$2,896.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$4,718.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
12/3/2023	7 HOUSEHOLDS		7-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 12/03/2023

Angel Tree



The Angel Tree List is available! Stop by the Welcome Center and choose a child or two to support this Christmas.

The list is also available on our website under "Get Involved" or you can go directly to the list [here](#).

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the church office.

Please bring your gifts to church by December 17.



9:00am Service / 6:00pm Service
Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve Service

The Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair is going strong! This year we are supporting:



Image: <https://standrewslebanon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Alternative-Gifts.png>

- St. Katharine Drexel Center
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Serving and Learning Together (S.A.L.T.)*

There is a table in the Narthex where you can sign-up, and get your questions answered (before and after worship). **Please sign up by December 17.**

It's a gift of joy for you, the recipients, and the charity. Think about 'doing' Christmas like this! Your gifts mean so much!

*The Gift List is [here](#).

**You can read more about S.A.L.T. and the scholarship recipients [here](#).

Hope on the Block



Hope on the Block is a non-profit organization that provides community pantries to ensure the homeless community has essential items and resources they need. Hope on the Block is 100% volunteer run and relies on donations from the community.

The first pantry was opened, August 2022, in Fond du Lac and is located at the Fond du Lac Public Library (32 Sheboygan St.). In May 2023, 2 more pantries were opened. One is in North Fond du Lac at Spillman Public Library (719 Wisconsin Ave.) The third location is in Ripon located at Traded Treasures (102 W. Jackson St.).

If you would like to donate to Hope on the Block, there is an aqua box in the Narthex for your items. There are also lists of items needed, located at the Welcome Center.

Items needed for HOPE ON THE BLOCK

Items in BOLD are
the most needed.

Non-Perishable food

Water

Winter Weather Gear

***Hand warmers**

***Hats and gloves**

Toilet Paper

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Tissue packages

Shampoo/conditioner

Deodorant

Feminine care products

Body wash/soap

Deodorant

Feminine care products

Hand lotion

Hand sanitizer

Band-aids

Combs/brushes/Hair ties

Chapstick

Sunscreen