



Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church is committed to the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

Fort Des Moines is a caring community of people who will care for you regardless of who you are. If you are looking for a place where Christ’s love is evident and God’s grace is offered to all, then I hope you will join us for worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting today, we hope that you feel welcome. The worship service is our gift to you. Following this service you are invited to join us for coffee, fellowship and Sunday School.

We welcome children in our worship. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. The cry room is located on the left at the top of the stairs and the nursery is located to the right at the top of the stairs.

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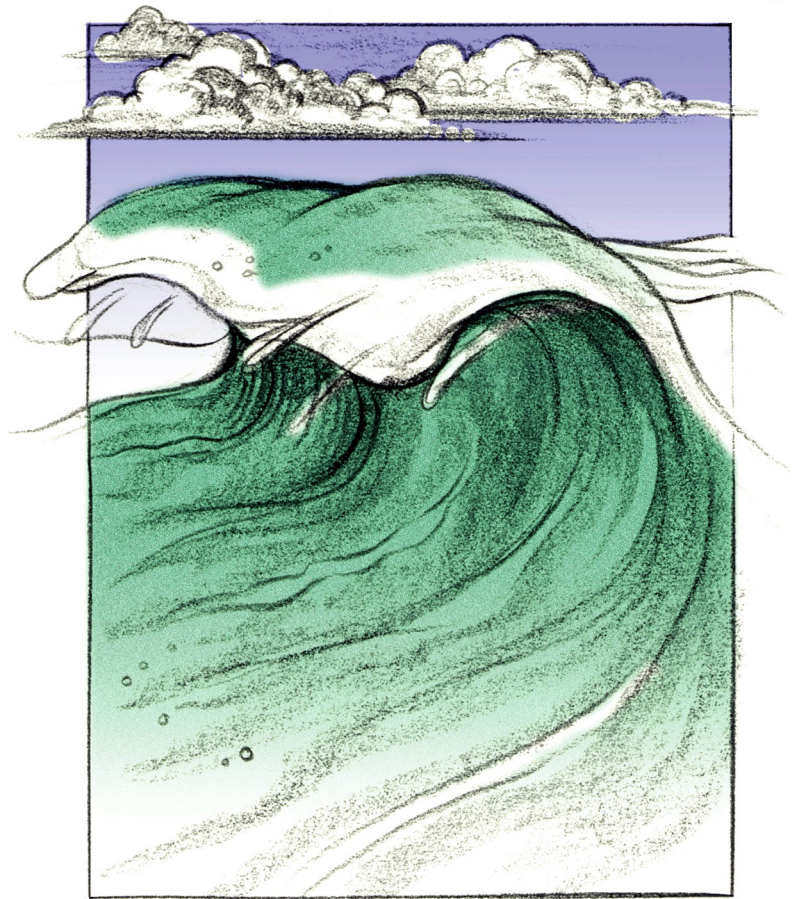
# FORT DES MOINES

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

### Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018



*Every valley shall be filled, and  
every mountain ... shall be made low.*

*Luke 3:5*

## WE CELEBRATE THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Welcome and Informal Moments:** Thank you for attending worship today. Please sign the attendance registration pad found in each pew, pass it on your neighbor, and welcome one another with the hospitality of God.

*\* Please stand as you are able*

### Gathering Music

Introit UMC #328

*“Surely the Presence of the Lord”*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

**People: We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.**

Leader: We are people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of sin.

**People: Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**

Leader: Today we will light the candle of Peace.

**People: This light, too, must brave great darkness.**

### Lighting of the candles of Hope and Peace

\*Hymn UMH #203

*“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”*

### Unison Prayer

**Gracious God, we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus into a manger and into our hearts. Bless our Advent waiting; fill our worship with anticipation of your love; and dedicate us to prepare your way by lifting up the valleys in our lives and rough places. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4 (NIV)

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

## **Time with Children of God**

**Call to Prayer** UMH #526

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **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. 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.**

### **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **Epistle Lesson**

Philippians 1:3-11 (NIV)

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

**\*Hymn** UMH #600

*“Wonderful Words of Life”*

#### **\*Gospel**

Luke 3:1-6 (NIV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Juda, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, Make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become

straight, and rough ways smooth. And all people will see  
God's salvation."

**Sermon**

"The Gift of Change"

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

**Presenting our Gifts and Tithes**

**\*Doxology** UMH #94

**Prayer of Dedication**

**We seek to be branches whose fruit glorifies Christ. Multiply the harvest of these gifts to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. We rejoice in the hope of these days as your realm unfolds its promise among us. Keep us faithful in our receiving and in our giving. Amen.**

**Hymn** UMH #202

*"People, Look East"*

**Benediction**

**Response** UMH #431

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

**Postlude**

## **This Week's Calendar**

**Today, Dec. 9:** 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Monday, Dec. 10:** 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Conference Room

**Tuesday, Dec. 11:** 9:30 a.m. ELL Class in the Youth Room

11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the library

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Conference Room

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, Dec. 12:** 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

10:00 a.m. Women's Christian Fellowship meets for their Christmas lunch.

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Conference Room

**Thursday, Dec. 13:** 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

4:00 p.m. ELL in the Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, Dec. 14:** 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

5:00 p.m. BNTC

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, Dec. 15:** 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship Class in Conference Room

3:00 p.m. BNTC

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 16:** 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship (Food Pantry Sunday)

11:00 a.m. Christmas potluck

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: 39

Prayer Concerns: Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; the Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church, it's programs and leaders; those home bound and their care-givers; Larry Seid, Benny Hotopp and those we especially name in our hearts. (Benny would appreciate phone calls: 249-2816.)

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Lucy Garland, who died on Dec. 5.

Special thanks to Bill Dillard for sharing treats with us today.

## Opportunities to Serve

There are always many opportunities to serve at Fort Des Moines. There are a few possibilities listed below, but you are not limited to these. If you have a passion for a certain kind of service or feel God might be calling you to some specific area, please let us know. If you have a particular date that you know would work well for you to be involved in some of these, let us know that as well. Circle the ones that interest you.

Thank you.

- Read Scripture
- Acolyte (light the candles)
- Deliver Communion (to shut-ins)
- Sing in the choir
- Help with the Sunday School Program
- Work with altar flowers
- Other ideas:

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Today is the **LAST** day to order a poinsettia! Plants are \$8.50 each and can be given to the glory of God, to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Forms can be found on the table next to the Sanctuary doors in the hall, or online at [www.fdmumc.org](http://www.fdmumc.org)

The Annual Christmas Potluck will be held next Sunday, following the worship service. Everyone is invited to stay for the food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and a hearty appetite.

We've sold out of 7 of the varieties but we still have Chocolate Amaretto Almonds, Sesame Honey Stix, Black Walnuts, and one pound of Pecan Halves. Orders for nuts can be placed through the church office (515-285-6545), by calling Suzanne Wilcox at 515-277-5217, or on Sunday mornings. A .pdf order form can be found on our website: [www.fdmumc.org](http://www.fdmumc.org) Keep up the good work of getting the nuts sold!!!

Are you using the new office email address, **[ftdsmumc@gmail.com](mailto:ftdsmumc@gmail.com)**, to contact us? Change our address in your address book so you can receive messages from us. Let other members know about this change, too!

"Parables of Jesus", the weekly Bible Study, is held on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library. Everyone is welcome!

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church when you do your holiday shopping at [smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1223704](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1223704).

The 4 south-side United Methodist Churches will present a cantata on Sunday, Dec. 23, at St. John's UMC. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Next Sunday, Dec. 16, will be Food Pantry Sunday. Donations of cash, shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, formula, diapers (all sizes), wipes, and brown paper grocery bags will be received.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, talk to Pastor Dass.

If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Dass.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:00pm on Dec. 24.

## Your Prayer



## Concerns

**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God” - Philippians 4:6**

Let your prayer requests be made known to God through our prayer groups and pastor who will pray for you or ones listed below. Your prayer concerns can be for a church member, a family member, a friend, or yourself. Please fill out below and place it in the offering plate.

**Prayer for:**

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**Name:**

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**Concern/s:**

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## **Welcome!**

**We are a community of faith in worship and action,  
open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew. Everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments and a time of visiting with your church family following the service.

We welcome children in our worship service. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. It is unattended so you will need to remain with your child. The cry room is located to the left at the top of the stairs and a nursery is located to the right (4th door on your right) at the top of the stairs.

### **Today's Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor  
Brenda Swigert - Liturgist  
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician  
Pamela Schisel - Choir Director  
Jim Keller - Ushers  
Rod Kent - Sound

### **Staff**

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor  
Jane White - Administrative Assistant  
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician  
Chris Wulf - Custodian



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