

LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Birthday Dinner for Joanne Hornby
Monday, December 9th	6:00 pm	Education Committee
	7:00 pm	Book Club
Tuesday, December 10th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
	1:00 pm	Hospitality Committee
	6:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, December 11th	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
	12:00 pm	UWF Luncheon @ Old Towne
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, December 12th	6:00 pm	Pageant Practice
	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Sunday, December 15th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with <i>The Angel's Story</i> Pageant
	11:30 am	Holiday Reception in Overflow Room
	12:00 pm	Youth Pizza Party with Pastor Paul
	4:00 pm	Bible Study @ Kathy Hanson's

Poinsettias: Orders due today.

Advent Pageant: *The Angel's Story* will be presented during the worship service next Sunday. Don't miss it! The annual holiday cookie reception follows the service.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Pat M., Zoe, Kelcie, Gloria F., Char L. family, Janet A., Bill A., Tara J., Suzanne, Jim H., families suffering the loss of loved ones, all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

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Viroqua United Methodist Church

December 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Viroqua UMC
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI
54665

Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL" Hal Hopson

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness"

P: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

L: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

**HYMN OF PRAISE "LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE" (verses 1&2) TFWS No. 2090

**OPENING PRAYER

God of our deliverance, you meet us in our need. You fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. As we await your Son and the glory of your salvation, guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-11 PEW BIBLE No. 1429

GOSPEL READING LUKE 3: 1-6 PEW BIBLE No. 1229

L. This is the word of God for the people of God

P. Thanks be to God.

SOLO "EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE EXALTED" G. F. Handel
sung by Marcia Dooley

MESSAGE PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "COME, AND LET US SWEETLY JOIN" UMH No. 699

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR" Richard Willis

**DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "TOGETHER WE SERVE" TFWS No. 2175

SENT TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" (verse 1) UMH No. 234

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING" Lani Smith



Mitten Tree: The Missions Committee invites you to help decorate the tree in the Narthex with warm clothes and new toys for children, which will be distributed to families in need through the Toys for Tots program. Please bring your gifts in by next Sunday, Dec. 15.

The radio broadcast and bulletins this morning are given in celebration of Joanne Hornby's 90th birthday given by her family.