

LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	Handbell Choir Concert
Tuesday, December 2nd	10:30 am	Exercise Group
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday, Dec. 3rd	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns)
	5:00 pm	Potluck @ Westby
	6:00 pm	Charge Conference @ Westby
Thursday, December 4th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Saturday, December 6th	10:00 am	Choir Practice
Sunday, December 7th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	10:30 am	Youth Sunday School

Willingness to Serve sheets are due by the end of November. Everyone is asked to turn theirs in. Contact Layne Hanson with any questions.

Caroling of the Choirs: Sunday, December 7th @ 7:00 pm @ Good Shepherd Church. Our choir will participate.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Zoe, Ryleigh A, Pat M, Jolene G, Ardith O, Chris D., Ramona A., Jim H, all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

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Viroqua United Methodist Church

November 30, 2025

10:30 am



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.

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



November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Viroqua UMC Worship Service

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN" Wilbur Held

RINGING OF THE BELL (remain seated)

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more."

P: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

L: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

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

**APOSTLE'S CREED UMH No. 881

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Everlasting God, we begin our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within. Teach us how to get ready. Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Help us walk in your ways, as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ. Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding, as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 24: 36-44 PEW BIBLE No. 1179

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

P. Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "I WANT TO BE READY" Rafael Montalvo

MESSAGE MUST BE READY

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "SOON AND VERY SOON" UMH No. 706

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING/DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "THE FIRST NOEL" UMH No. 245

SENT TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "THE FIRST NOEL" (refrain) UMH No. 245

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "TOCCATA ON 'BRING A TORCH'" Richard Hudson

We Live Our Faith

Bible Reading Daily, Prayer & Devotion Daily, Worship Weekly,
Serve Monthly, Give Proportionally, Witness Freely

If this is your first time to worship here at Viroqua UMC, WELCOME!
Be sure to get one of our red welcome bags as you leave!

The radio broadcast today is given in honor of Pat Matz's birthday which is today.