

Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry today!

## 10:00AM Worship – 9 December 2018



### PREPARING FOR DINNER WITH THE CHRIST

Advent is a time of preparing for the second coming of Christ. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which in turn is the translation for the Greek word *Parousia*, which theologically means the second coming of Christ. The Sundays leading up to Christmas lead us towards the coming of Christ in the manger AND Christ's coming again in glory. This Advent our worship will focus on how we are getting ready for the great banquet feast with God where Jesus invites us to come and share the salvation of the world. We will explore what it means to share God's offerings of hope, peace, joy, and love with the world, so we can all feast together at the great banquet of God's salvation.


We're grateful for those serving in worship today, including: Ministers—All the gathered...

FRC Worship Leader—Tom Van Horn; FRC Ushers—Darla Haack, Jan Kreil, and Robert Rautmann...

FPC Worship Leader—Pete Stuntz; FPC Ushers—Todd Gorter and Kim Gorter.

The white poinsettia at FRC and today's bulletins are in loving memory of Joe & Laurella Cigler, Mary Craddock, Bryan Craddock, and Adam Schwoerer by Joanne & Jan Kreil, Rich Craddock, and Cathy & John Schwoerer.

***Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry is three historic Manitowoc congregations served by co-pastors The Rev Judine A Duerwaechter and The Rev Dr Matthew L Sauer. Our mission states that "we covenant to share, serve, and live the Gospel as we incorporate the strengths of each congregation in service to the Manitowoc community."***

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| <br>churches serving together | <b>Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry</b> | <b>First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)</b> 920.682.4688 – 502 N 8 <sup>th</sup> St |
|  |                                       | <b>First Reformed United Church of Christ</b> 920.682.6121 – 3613 Waldo Blvd     |
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Welcome! Please sign the **friendship pad**, which is located near the end of each pew. \* When **communion** is celebrated, all who want to call Jesus Lord are welcomed to the Table of Love. \* Please use the **prayer cards** in the pew racks to share your prayer requests with the pastors. \* **Hearing assistance devices** are available from

the ushers. \* Children are always welcome in worship; if and when you need **child care or a nursing space**, please let an usher know and they will assist you.

*All who are able, please stand and sit as indicated in the bulletin.*

*Parts the people say are indicated by **bold text**; parts the people sing are indicated by a ♪ symbol.*

*This bulletin is for MCM's worship at First Reformed UCC (FRC) and First Presbyterian Church (FPC). Most parts of the service are the same; the initials FRC or FPC indicate parts specific to one location's service.*

**PRELUDE/CENTERING**    *We focus our attention on God as our time of worship begins*

[FPC] Chorale Prelude on STUTTGART (Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus)    *Lee Hastings Bristol*

*All who are able, please stand*

**GATHERING**    *We join in our weekly celebration of God's love*

*Our Gathering includes singing alternate lyrics to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

**All ♪ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**Come enter into worship with us here.**

**Fill us now with your hope and your peace;**

**and fill us with your joy and with your love.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us, the faithful ones who wait.**

*The music continues playing as the pastor reads Scripture, followed by singing a second time*

**All ♪ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**Come enter into worship with us here.**

**Fill us now with your hope and your peace;**

**and fill us with your joy and with your love.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us, the faithful ones who wait.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**    *We exalt and praise God, our Creator, Savior, and Friend*

♪ [FPC] **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** [HYMNAL #83]

♪ [FRC] **Come, O Long-Expected Jesus** [HYMNAL #122]

**WE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST**    *We greet others with God's love*

*Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

**All ♪ Glo-o-o-o-oria in excelsis Deo!**

**Glo-o-o-o-oria in excelsis Deo!**

*Please be seated*

[FPC] **FAMILY TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**    *We prepare to seek God in the Word*

## HEARING OUR STORY [Luke 3.1-6]

*One*   <sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
    ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
        make his paths straight.  
<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
        and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
        and the rough ways made smooth;  
<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

*One*   God’s Word for the Children of God.

*All*    **Praise be to God!**

[FRC] ANTHEM   When He Comes   *Lloyd Larson*   Choir

SERMON   Preparing for Dinner with Christ: Bringing Peace

*All who are able, please stand*

♪ [FRC] **We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom** [HYMNAL #378]

♪ [FRC] **O God of Love, O God of Peace** [HYMNAL #571]

*Please be seated*

GENEROSITY MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Your offerings support the ministry of Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry as we strive to be Christ to one another, our community, and the world. Please make sure your offering is clearly labeled with ‘First Presbyterian’, ‘First Reformed’, or ‘St John’s’ so they may be directed to the appropriate office. Any undesignated offerings will be evenly shared between our three congregations. Thank you!*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

[FPC] Chorale Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL *Flor Peeters*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*All who are able, please stand*

♪ **Doxology for Advent** [VENI EMMANUEL, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"]

**All** ♪ **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us, the faithful ones who wait.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING & ADVENT CANDLES** *We go into the world as the Body of Christ*

*One* The second Advent candle:

**All** **We light a candle of Peace in the midst of a fractured world.**

*One* We light a candle of Peace to proclaim God's mercy.

**All** **We light a candle of Peace against our own prejudices and preferences.**

*One* We light a candle of Peace for the promise of new visions.

**All** **We light the candle of Peace.**

*One* Go now in Peace.

**All** ♪ **Go forth! Go forth! Emmanuel shall lead us forth with Peace for all the world.**

## POSTLUDE

[FPC] Postlude on HYFRYDOL (Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus) *Wilbur Held*

## MCM WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH END OF 2018

### 3 WORSHIP SERVICES 12/16

On Sunday, December 16 we'll have 8:30AM Worship at St John's UCC and 10:00AM Worship at First Reformed UCC and First Presbyterian.

### MCM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 12/23

On Sunday, December 23 we'll have our MCM Christmas Pageant at 10AM at First Presbyterian.

### 3 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES 12/24

On Monday, December 24 we'll have 5PM Worship at St John's UCC, 7PM Worship at First Reformed UCC, and 11PM Worship at First Presbyterian.

### MCM UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE 12/30

On Sunday, December 30 we'll worship together at 10AM at St John's UCC.