

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome
Announcements

Gathering Words

People of God, dare to hope. Dare to believe.

Hear what God, the Living God, will speak, for God will speak peace to the people.

Salvation is at hand for those who say, "Hallowed be your Name."

Prelude

Anita Chops

Advent Candle Lighting
Hymn

"Christ, Be Our Light!"

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Litany

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness,

***All:* but the darkness has not overcome it.**

Leader: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

***All:* The LORD gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**

Leader: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

***All:* The LORD gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Shepherd of love, all you have given us is good: love and justice, peace and righteousness, faith and hope.

May the gifts we now give back to you become gifts of love and justice, peace and righteousness, faith and hope. Amen.

*Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

UMH #217

Dismissal for Children’s Church (ages infant to 5th grade)

11:00am service

Scripture

Luke 2:25-35

Message

“When Christmas Doesn’t Go According to the Plan”

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

LORD God, my heart is torn. I want to only focus on you and the birth of your Son, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.

My mind, however, so easily wanders away from you in my weariness.

Help me, LORD, to redirect my focus back to you.

Let my heart find hope and peace in you this Advent Season. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God will feed you with goodness and grace.

God will give you what is good— mercy and forgiveness, love and acceptance, an eternity of justice and peace.

*Hymn

“There’s a Song in the Air”

UMH #249

*Benediction

God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us.

In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us.

May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior.

We pray this in the name of Christ, our LORD. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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"Advent Christmas and Epiphany" © 2008

"Christ, Be Our Light!" by Bernadette Farrell and Joel Raney © 2013

December Worship Schedule

*17th - 8:30am & 11:00am Sunday Worship
7:00pm Blue Christmas Service*

*24th - 10:30am Communion Service
7:00pm Christmas Cantata Service*

31st - 10:30am Sunday Worship Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH



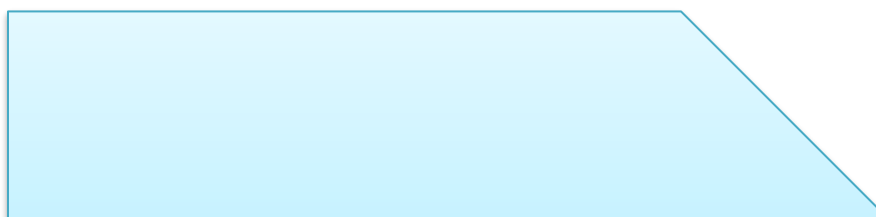
*House of the Carpenter
And Street Moms*



Hats, Scarves & Gloves

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.

Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



Nancy King is making church t-shirts
again.

If you would like to order a t-shirt,
please sign-up at the Welcome Desk in
the Narthex.



We are still in need of volunteers for
Children's Church/Nursery Care

Please choose a Sunday and sign-up
at the Welcome Desk.

We appreciate your willingness to help grow your church.



The United Women in Faith are having a Christmas Luncheon
December 14th at 12:00pm.

If you are interested in attending,
please sign-up at the Welcome desk in the Narthex.