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and Ben Huisenga

### Weekly Prayer List

Lucinda Abernathy;  
Brenda Ambe;  
Jena Ambe;  
Mara Ambe;  
Ethan Anderson;  
Megan Gochnauer Andrist;  
Allen & Cheryl Arnold

### Happy Birthday this week

Russell Beck;  
Troy Ochocki;  
Jerome Stransky;  
James Hoggard;  
Carl Wieman



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If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.)  
or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734.  
(The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live  
at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on [www.owatonnalive.com](http://www.owatonnalive.com)  
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

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Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration  
pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

**December 8, 2024**  
~Second Sunday of Advent~



***Owatonna United Methodist Church***

**We are called to . . .**

**Gather in Christ's Name,**

**Grow in God's Love,**

**Serve All People.**

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# The Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8th, 2024-9:00a.m.

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Prelude	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
† Welcome and Announcements	Jubilee Ringers	
Centering Words		
Centering Hymn	<i>Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>	Red #207
Lighting of the Advent Candle	<b>Peace</b>	Screen
Hymn	<i>Light the Advent Candle, vs. 1 &amp; 2</i>	Black #2090
Call to Worship:		
L: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!		
<b>P: We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.</b>		
L: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?		
<b>P: We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.</b>		
L: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.		
<b>ALL: May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.</b>		
Opening Prayer:		
<b>Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.</b>		
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Passing the Peace		
* Hymn of Praise	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i>	Red #223

Prayer of Confession:

**God of Grace, you breathe life into us and form us in your image, yet we do not always live as you call us to live. We resist your refining fire and avoid the threshing floor where you separate grain from chaff. Forgive us, life-giving God. Accept us as we are-unrefined and unwashed. Through your grace, renew us and lead us into the fullness of life you desire for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

~Silent confession~

Words of Assurance		
Special Music	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
Children's Message	Jubilee Ringers	
Scripture Reading	Malachi 3:1-4	
* Hymn of Response	<i>All Earth is Waiting</i>	Red #210
Gospel Reading	Luke 3:1-6	
L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us:		
<b>P: Thanks be to God, Amen!</b>		
Message	"Passion"	Pastor Lisa Vick
* Hymn of Response	<i>Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice</i>	Black #2089
Joys and Concerns		
Pastor's Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		Screen
Offering	<i>The First Noel</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
Jubilee Ringers		
* Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Red #95
Offering Prayer		
* Closing Hymn	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	Red #213
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
Jubilee Ringers		
* Please stand as you are able.		
† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service.		
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.		