



Stephen Ministers serve because no one should have to suffer alone. If you need a Stephen Minister please call the church office for assistance. 843-884-9761

End of Year Tithing

All tithing and charitable contributions must be received either in the office or in an envelope postmarked by December 31, 2024 in order for the donation to be eligible for the 2024 tax season deduction. The office will be closed the week after Christmas and will reopen on January 2, 2025.

Christmas Caroling

Let's bring some holiday cheer to our Hibben Care List; those who are unable to attend services regularly or could use a friendly visit. We'll hop on the Hibben Bus immediately following service on Sunday, December 22, to spread the joy of the season through song.

Interested in joining us?

Contact Aimie at amorris@hibbenumc.org to sign up.

Let's share the spirit of Christmas together!



Realm is an interactive church portal that is used by staff and ministry groups for communication, as well as a way to set up online giving. Once you have become active in the ministry at Hibben United Methodist Church, you may request an invitation to sign up by emailing office@hibbenumc.org.

Church Directory

We are in the early stages of having a new church directory made. In an effort to streamline the process we need to make sure that all members and active attendees are in our Realm database. If you are unsure about how to access Realm, or would like your information entered manually by the office.

Please contact Dalton in the church office. office@hibbenumc.org or (843)884-9761

Christmas Eve

Please Join Us!

Please join us as we celebrate the reason for the season. Christmas Eve services will be as follows:
3:00pm - Early Traditional

5:00pm - Family Service

7:30pm - Candlelight Traditional

All are welcome at every service. We hope to see all of you and that you will invite your friends and neighbors!



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to find all the links from this bulletin.

Attendance & Giving - December 8, 2024

10:30 Morning Worship

In Person	168
Online - households	25

2024 General Budget: \$947,048.00

Received thru 10/31/24 \$747,117.00

Expenses thru 10/31/24 \$745,604.00

Online Giving: hibbenumc.org/give

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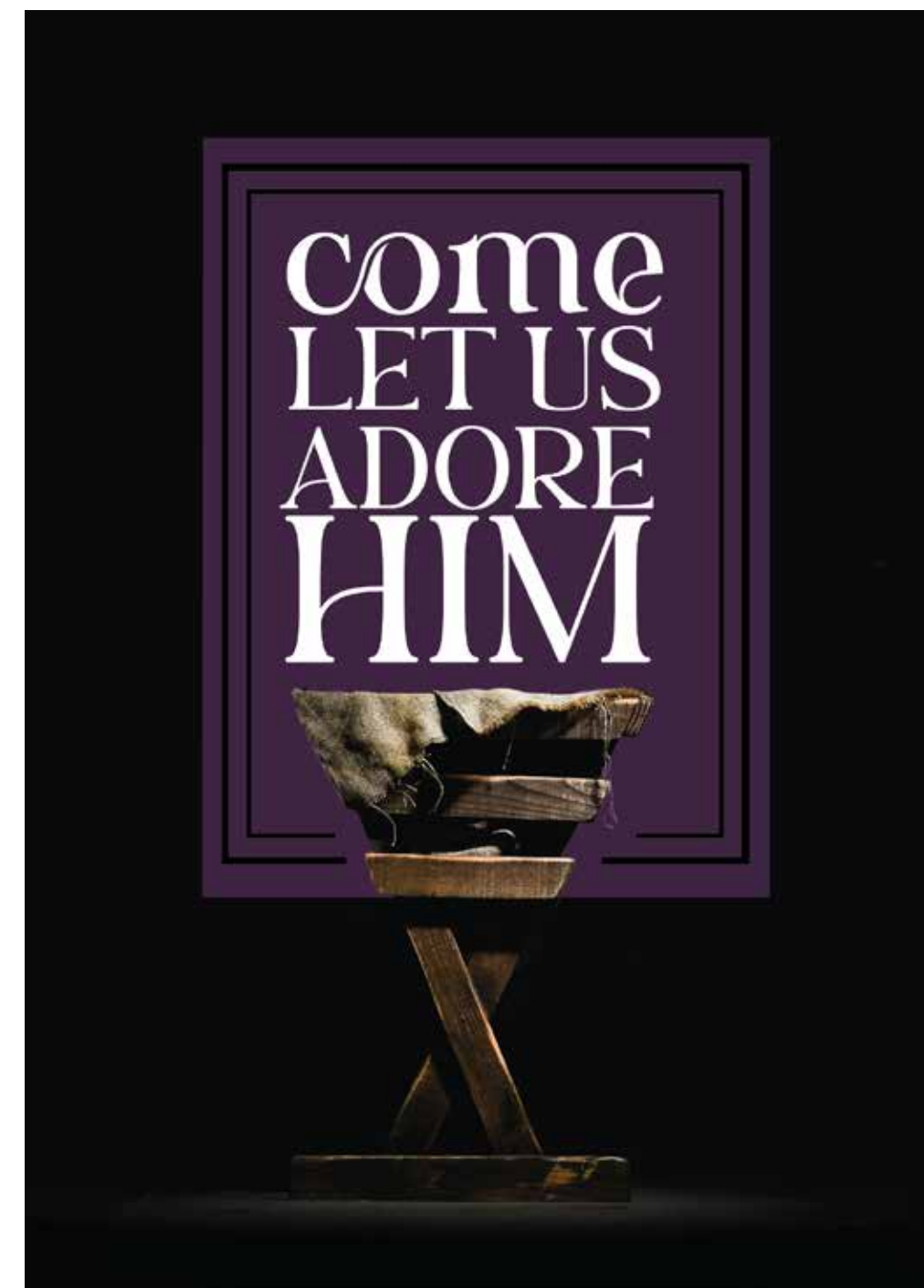
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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9am - 4pm
Friday
9am - 2pm



December 15, 2024



DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude **Joel Raney**
Overture- Have you Heard?

Gathering and Welcome **Rev. Kathy Hudson**
You are encouraged to sign the Pew Register, pass it to all seated in your row; and then, pass it back for review. If you are visiting, we would like to send you a card, text or email. It would be a pleasure to know you!

***Musical Invitation** **String Quartet**
Come Thou Long- Expected Jesus

***Call to Worship** **Rev. Kathy**
Children of God, our world is full of humanity's greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

What, then, should we do?

Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.

What, then, should we do?

God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel.

What then, children of God, should you do? We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy. Amen.

***Invocation** **Rev. Kathy**
Christmas Cantata **Joel Raney and Ed Hogan**

Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Celebration:

Narrated by Rev. Carl Johnson

Christmas Day in the Morning

Come Messiah, Come Emmauel

Lighting of The Third Advent Candle **Jimmy and Jennifer Roberts**

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3).
With joy you will remember that God's salvation is

Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

We light the third candle of the Advent wreath.

Anthems

Have You Heard?

Celtic Christmas Lullaby

Soloists: Marian Holladay and Carlestone Huey

Children's Moment

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Offering Call

Offertory

O Holy Night
Soloist: Chris Morris

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:7-18 NRSV

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

***Hymn**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Anthems

Come and Adore Him

Wexford Carol

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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***Postlude**

Chancel Choir

Amanda Moore

Rev. Katie Brock Lesh

Chancel Choir

Rev. Kathy

Rev. Katie

The advent wreath is given in loving memory of Todd Joseph Carter by his parents, Debbie and Jamey Carter.

Angela Balog, Soprano
Riley Borkowski, Viola
Sinéad Farrelly, Irish Flutes
Steve Gaither, Guitar
Sabrina Geberth, Percussion
Cameron Handel, Trumpet
Ethan Hayre, Double Bass
Anne Holmi, Horn
Luke Jones, Tenor
Leilana Kahalehoe, Piccolo/Alto Flute

Musicians:
Alex Lim, Fiddle
Elijah Liu, Violin
Patrick Moore, Percussion
Gretchen Roper, Clarinet
Kate Selby, Cello
Jesùs Toro, Piano

Praise & Prayer Request

Craig Rhyne	Betty Staples
Esther Burlison	Barbara Boyd
Beth Fiddie	Guerry Taylor
Kristy Watson	Luisa Rodriguez (Jesús' Mother)
Madeleine Shuler	Frankie Collins
Robert Rising	Rudy Fox

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining the prayer team, email Terry Lupo at terry@lupofamily.org. All are welcome!

Prayer requests may also be sent to the church office.

Little Free Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of Hibben's pantries. Our boxes are always in use. Please be on the lookout for the following items:

Peanut butter	Canned chicken
Grape jelly	Canned tuna
Chef Boyardee	Vienna sausages
Canned items with pop tops	

****Please remember that anyone can stock the pantry.****

Cold Shelter

Thank you so much to all of those who have helped with the start of our Cold Shelter season. We continue to provide a warm place for less fortunate members of our community any time the temperature drops below 34 degrees in Mount Pleasant. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with the cold shelter, please contact Rev. Katie or Polly Graham. There are many ways to help: providing meals, setup and clean up help, overnight stays, financial support and prayers.