***Celebrating the Richness of God’s Grace***

***Proclaiming the Kingdom: beginning in Chisago County***

*+ Please stand if you are able*

*To enhance our worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Hearing devices are available at the sound booth.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Words of Welcome/Attendance Registration

Announcements and Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Stegmeir Family

Praise and Worship (please stand or sit as you wish)

Children’s Moment

\* Children 2 years- 8th grade are invited to go to Sunday School at this time

 Grades 3rd -8th do not have Sunday school the first Sunday of the month

+Hymn #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Bible Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Message *They Saw The Child*

*On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11*

+Hymn #202  *People, Look East*

Offering *Waiting for Emmanuel* Choir

 Cellist Barb O’Neill

+Offering Response #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer

+Hymn #249 *There’s a Song in the Air*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**TODAY, December 10**

 2:00p Staff-Parish Relations Committee – lounge

 5:00p Dress Rehearsal for Living Nativity

**Monday, December 11**

4 – 6p Community Meal – Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

 6:00p Bell Choir

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Wednesday, December 13**

 5:00p Family Dinner

 5:30p Youth Bells

 6:00p Adult Bible Study

 7:00p Choir

 8:00p Worship Team

**Thursday, December 14**

 9:30a Hope Circle

**Friday, December 15**

 5:00p Youth Cookie Packing

**Saturday, December 16**

 6:00p, 6:30p, 7:00p, 7:30p Living Nativity

**Next Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Mission Sunday - Gideons**

 9:00a Worship / Sunday School

 Message based on Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 28:1-10

10:15a Fellowship

Last week’s offering: $5,863 Budgeted Weekly: $3,510

Monthly giving (Dec.): $5,863 Budgeted Monthly: $15,208

Attendance last Sunday: 109

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $22,730

**Carpet Project:** We are currently short $2,897 to complete this project.

If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check out to

First UMC, marking “carpet project” in the memo.

**Children at First**

* ‘Worship Bags’ are in the foyer for children to borrow
* A Nursery for babies and toddlers is available every Sunday

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for coffee & treats in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Gideons**

Having God’s Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others.

**Mission Envelopes:** Mission Envelopes can be found in each pew rack. You are welcome to give to our monthly Mission Offering throughout the month using the designated envelope. Please make your check out to FUMC, marking “Missions” in the memo.

**Church Wireless Network Change:** We have upgraded the Sanctuary wireless network to have faster access. The two new network names are “disciples12” and “disciples12-5” you may join either network using the password “12disciples” (no quotes).

**Christmas Cookies:** Christmas Cookies will be available for pick up Sunday December 17th after church. All money goes for children and youth campership and missions.

**End of Year Giving:** If you wish to make an end-of-the year charitable donation to First UMC, it will need to be received **NO LATER than Sunday, December 31** to be included in your 2017 contribution. If you, or your bank, are mailing your final 2017 contribution, please allow plenty of time for it to be delivered to the church by Dec. 29. If you would like to know the balance of your pledge, please talk with Linda Ploog.

**Christmas Dinner:** All are invited to our 27th Annual Christmas Day Dinner serving from 12:00 – 1:15p on Christmas Day. Please call 651-257-4306 by Monday, Dec. 18 to let us know you are coming. If you would like to help or donate food, please call Lois at 651-213-1036.

**Cookies needed for Living Nativity:** Cookies are needed for the Living Nativity for our guests who will be coming in to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and treats. If you could set aside a few dozen while you finish your Christmas cooking baking that would be very helpful and greatly appreciated! Please have them to church by Saturday the 16th.

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Olga Determan;

Babe Anderson; Jon Determan



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***December 10, 2017***

 ***9:00 a.m.***