


We hear the words of the prophets who go before God and call on us to prepare the way for the Lord. We repent of our sins and seek God's forgiveness, and we proclaim God's salvation to the world. Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven breaks upon us, God brings light to us and to all who dwell in darkness to guide us on the path of peace.

THANKSGIVING & SENDING FORTH HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 72)

We give thanks for the blessings God gives us—blessings that nourish us and help us do wondrous things for God and God's world. In a spirit of thanksgiving, let us now offer what we can to God as a way to show our thanks.

- *DOXOLOGY UMH #204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
 - *OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon
 - *CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2091
The King of Glory Comes
 - *BENEDICTION Rev. Shon
 - POSTLUDE Carol Prindle
- Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service*




Advent is a season of waiting and preparation, where we make our hearts and minds ready to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas and receive him anew in our lives and communities.

Join Us!

Worship Sundays 9am
Bible Study Sundays 10:15am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 4pm

2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Ushers: Jim & Carol Hornby
Fellowship: Imelda Kelley




Dinner Church
Wednesday's—5:30-6:30 PM
EVERYONE is welcome!

REQUEST: Dessert Items
(Homemade or storebought cookies, cakes, bars, etc.)


Volunteers Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner> or scan the QR above. User Name//Password not required. Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.

Menu this week: Tater Tot Casserole, Lettuce Salad, Veggie Tray, Fruit & Dessert



365 Days Bible Reading Plan

Week 45: Hebrews 1-20, James 1-5 & Proverbs 18-21



Memory Verse Week 45: Hebrews 2:2-3
"For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation."



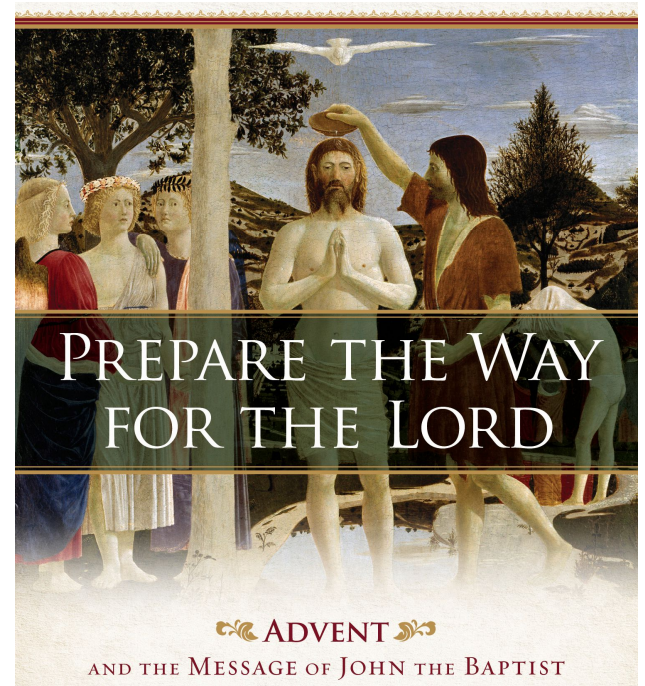
Share the Love!
Give a Christmas gift to Dinner Church or Friends Sharing Food.
Pick up an envelope from the Giving Tree.

Make checks payable to BRF UMC (memo: Dinner Church or Friends Sharing Food). Return envelopes to the offering plate or church office by Dec. 28.
Sponsored by the Mission Outreach Committee.

Upcoming Meetings

Mon	Dec 8	UWF	5:30pm
Mon	Dec 8	Trustees	5:30pm
Sun	Dec 14	Men's Group/Garden	10:15am

Black River Falls United Methodist Church



UMC Mission Statement:
"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates, please stand if able.*

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025 9 AM
Liturgist: Tom Epps

PRELUDE Carol Prindle

INVITATION AND GATHERING

*CALL to WORSHIP

L: God shows mercy and love to all people, from one generation to the next.

P: We come to the Lord for comfort and healing. We rest in God when we are troubled.

L: God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of trouble.

P: We stand in the presence of the Lord, full of awe and wonder.

L: God has come to the aid of his servants, remembering his mercy, just as he promised to our ancestors.

P: We glorify the Lord with all our hearts. In our very depths we rejoice in God our Savior.

L: Be still and know that I am God.

*OPENING PRAYER (Isaiah 11, Romans 15, Matthew 3)

God of hope and peace, as we worship you this day, may we catch a glimpse of your peace; may we open ourselves to receive your grace; may we welcome one another, as you have welcomed us; may we prepare hearts and our lives, for Christ to be born in us once again. And when our worship is done, may we be renewed in body and spirit, prepared to bring your righteousness and justice to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: The Candle of Love
(Luke 1:68-79)

God shows us mercy and deep compassion. The dawn of heaven breaks upon us, giving light to those sitting in darkness. On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love. Because of God's great love, he sends a messenger to teach us salvation and forgiveness. God rescues us, that we might serve

God in love and without fear. We seek to be a people prepared for the Lord.

* OPENING HYMN UMH #211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord God, as we prepare our hearts and lives to receive you and welcome your son Jesus, we confess that we have sinned. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have acted without love and turned away from our neighbors in need. We repent. We turn back to you, God, and we want you to forgive our sins. Wash us and make us clean. Fill us with your spirit so that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance. We pray in the name of Jesus, the one who is coming. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

L: Hear the good news. The one who is coming is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He is the Messiah, the Savior, the Son of God, and the Light of the World. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN UMH #207
Prepare the Way of the Lord (3x)

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

God, you have sent a voice crying out in the wilderness to prepare your way. Make us ready now to hear your voice and receive your word in scripture. Open our hearts, teach us, guide us, lead us to repentance, and prepare us for your coming. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:57-64, 67, 76-79

When the time came for Elizabeth to have her child, she gave birth to a boy. Her neighbors and relatives celebrated with her because they had heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy. On the eighth day, it came time to circumcise the child. They wanted to name him Zechariah because that was his father's name. But his mother replied, "No, his name will be John."

They said to her, "None of your relatives have that name." Then they began gesturing to his father to see what he wanted to call him.

After asking for a tablet, he surprised everyone by writing, "His name is John." At that moment, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he began praising God....

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied... "You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace."

*HYMN UMH #215
To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

MESSAGE Rev. Shon
Pregnancy, Birth, Circumcision, and Zechariah's Prophecy

Affirmation of Faith (Luke 1:68-79)

Bless the Lord our God, who has come to rescue his people. God has raised up a savior for us from the line of David, just as the prophets said.

God brings salvation from our enemies and delivers us from all those who hate us.

God shows us mercy and remembers the covenant with Abraham, just as he promised our ancestors.

God rescues us so that we can serve the Lord without fear, with holiness and righteousness as long as we live.