



Pastor David Niemela

December 3, 2023

## *First Sunday in Advent*

**WELCOME VISITORS:** Please sign the guest book in the Narthex. We will be using pp. 2-5 in the Ambassador Hymnal for our order of worship. If you would like more information about UFLC, visit [unitedfreeaflc.com](http://unitedfreeaflc.com).

### NEWS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

ADVENT CANDLE: Prophecy (Hope)  
PRAYER

WMF

HYMN: #1 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

### CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE READINGS Epistle: Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ Apostles' Creed

OFFERING ~ Free-will  
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: #2 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

MESSAGE: "Where to Begin?"  
Isaiah 61:1-9

HYMN: #31 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

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CLOSING HYMN #251 "God Be With You"

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

## What's Happening This Week?

### Sunday, Dec. 3

8:45 a.m. — Adult & Kids' Sunday School

10 a.m. — Worship service

2 p.m. — WMF Christmas Party

### Tuesday, Dec. 5

4:30 p.m. — Deacon's Meeting

### Wednesday, Dec. 6

6 p.m. — Confirmation

Supper served by Wiskow Family

### Saturday, Dec. 9

7 – 8:30 a.m. — Men's Group

### Next Sunday, Dec. 10 ~ deadline for photo

directory submissions. Send to

[sharlakk@gmail.com](mailto:sharlakk@gmail.com), or contact Sharla for more information.

8:45 a.m. — Adult & Kids' Sunday School

10 a.m. — Worship service with Sunday School Christmas program

*Potluck to follow worship service, served by Martha & Esther circles.*

*Shut-in baskets to be filled by Sarah Circle (donate any gallon ice cream buckets to the copy room counter).*

### *Looking Ahead*

- Fruit/Meats/Nuts orders, expected to arrive Monday, Dec. 11
- Greater Middle River Community Choir Christmas Cantata concert at UFLC, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m.
- Submissions for Jan/Feb. United Voice Newsletter due, Dec. 17
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24  
*Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.*

NOV./DECEMBER UNITED VOICE NEWSLETTER: Available in Narthex.

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 83

**December Ushers:** Robby & Cole Christianson

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*Please have items for the bulletin to Jenny by midnight Wednesdays.*

*Call/text 320-583-9782 or email at [unitedfreegreenbush@gmail.com](mailto:unitedfreegreenbush@gmail.com).*

Discussion during the annual meeting included possible remodeling of the small classroom, library, and hallway on the east side of the church to create a space similar to the Gathering Room. A committee has been called to form to discuss options and bring monetary needs before the church council. If you are interested in being a part of this, inform Pastor David or Chuck Strand.