

## Announcements

**De-hanging of the Greens TODAY** — Pickup for Christmas trees in Appleton is January 13-17. Help will be needed this morning following worship take down the decorations from this special season and get our tree out on the curb...!

**Moving of Furniture in sanctuary today!** — Starting tomorrow some repairs and painting will be done around the altar area of the church. Help is needed after worship to move some chairs and a few pieces of furniture to make room for those working.

**Meet our new Bishop February 3rd!** — Bishop Dan Schwerin will visit the North East District at Appleton: First UMC on Monday, February 3 for a time apart of Bible study and inspiration. Laity are invited 6:30-8:00pm; registration opens at 6:00pm. Don't miss this chance to meet and be inspired by our new bishop!

**Wednesday night meal**—Join us again on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship during Dinner Church. All are welcome; invite a friend!

## Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ For Ryan's family, especially his mother who has been in hospitals and rehab for months and is now entering hospice care.

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# EMMANUEL

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*We welcome. We worship. We Witness.*



Joining In  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 12, 2025

Prelude

Welcome — PASTOR BEN MORRIS

Call to Worship

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism  
and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

**I will be with you.**

When we go through the fires that refine us  
and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

**I will be with you.**

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth  
or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

**I will be with you.**

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails,  
whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus,  
waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us!**

Hymn – Come Thou Almighty King — RED 61

Prayer of Confession — ALL

**Creator of the universe**

**we gather amazed at your power and glory.**

**We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,**

**but we are often reluctant to answer**

**when we hear you calling our name.**

**We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,**

**but shy away from the river,**

**lest we be baptized**

**with the fire of the Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us when we forget your promise**

**to be with us always, O God.**

**Renew us with the power of your ever-present love,**

**and strengthen us to proclaim your justice**

**throughout the world. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message— PASTOR BEN

Scripture — Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

God, we thank you for your Word.

**The story of your grace.**

Sermon — Joining In — PASTOR BEN

Choral Anthem — In Remembrance of Me— CHOIR

Concerns and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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**

Offering

Doxology— UMH Red 95

Holy Communion— Choral Setting — BLACK 2257

Music during Communion—Here is Bread, Here is Wine — BLACK 2266

Benediction

Postlude