

**\*The Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**All: God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your people. Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us. Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry to your purposes. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*                      see screens

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

<b>Prayer Concerns</b>	
Herbert Bilgram	Chuck & Sue Oertli
Mary Ellen Cox	Scott Schmidt
Dave Johnston	Evelyn Stolz
Janet Johnston	Cookie Tunze
Kay Million	Jackie Zeiting

# 1st Sunday in Advent ~ Hope

St. Lucas United Church of Christ

November 27, 2022 • 9:30a.m.

\*Invitation to rise as you are able, in body, spirit and voice!

## Welcome & Announcements

## Ringing of the Bell

## Prelude

Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* see screens

## \*Call to Worship

Pastor: Know that the Holy One is God.

**People: We are God's people.**

Pastor: Worship the Holy One with gladness;

**People: Come into God's presence with singing.**

Pastor: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

**People: Make a joyful noise!**

Pastor: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is to all generations.

**People: Let us worship with thanks and joy!**

**All: Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!**

## \*We Welcome the Holy Spirit

**All: Gracious God, in this season of Advent, we wait. We long to know you better and look forward to the revelation of your son, Immanuel, God with us. Open us to recognize your presence, to receive you fully, and to be ready to follow your leading. Amen.**

## Advent Candle Lighting

Pastor: As winter days dim and bow to early darkness, you, God of light, set watch in the night sky and beckon the wise to follow.

**People: When hope hangs low in the human heart, you, loving creator, kindle compassion, breathing life into the early embers of change and empathy.**

*Light the candle.*

Reader: We light a candle for hope, sending prayers high into the inky heavens and dreams deep into the human soul. As Advent dawns, God of all hope, shine your light on the story of the saints who journeyed before us. May the seeds they planted in the world – peace, joy, love – take hold in our hearts and stretch towards the light.

**All: We light a candle for hope. May it light the way.**

Carol *We Light the Advent Candles, vs. 1 & 2* see screens

Time with Young Disciples 9:00 a.m.~ Michele Ottinger

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44  
The word of God for the people of God,  
**thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* see screens

Sermon *Wait for It* Pastor Vickie

## The Morning Prayer

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer (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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Morning Offering (*offering plates are available at the entrance/exits*)

### Call to Offering

**All: Generosity may come as an impulse, but it is cultivated by the practice of regular giving. Help us to notice where we can make a difference in the world. We give in gratitude for God's gifts to us, and we give because we need to live beyond ourselves. Use this time of offering as an opportunity to grow and to grow the realm of God.**

### \*Doxology #382

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**