



First United Methodist Church in Downtown Erie

An Historic Church Serving the People of Erie

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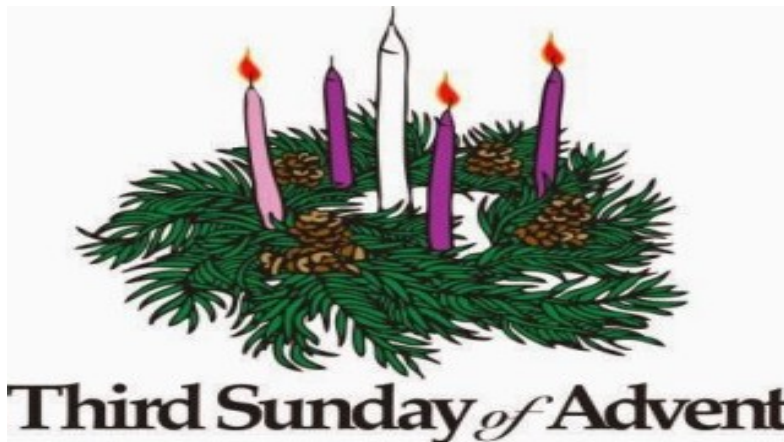
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December 12, 2021

9:00 a.m. "Light for the City" Worship

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship



Third Sunday of Advent

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:

"To share our passion for Jesus Christ with Erie's next generations."

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Third Sunday in Advent or Gaudete Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME **Indicates the people may stand if able.* *Pastor Bob*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer card, found on the back of the pew in front of you, and give it to an usher during the prelude.)

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING THE LIGHT: *Megan Whitehill, acolyte*

PRELUDE: *“Chosen Mary, Gentle One”* *Joseph Martin*
First Methodist Vocal Ensemble
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist

WELCOME to those listening on the radio on WERG 90.5 FM and on the web.

***CALL TO WORSHIP :** *Donna Burkhart, liturgist*

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: Trust and do not be afraid.

P: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

ALL: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Amen..

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*OPENING HYMN: **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”** **No. 203**
Red Hymnal 4 Verses
(Please be seated)

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE
The Bob Rodgers Family

Good news, God is filling the hungry with good things! Good news, God is lifting up the lowly! Good news, God is about to do his mightiest work! He will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth from all nations. We light the third Advent candle remembering that God’s Promised One comes to comfort all who are afflicted and to afflict all who might be too comfortable.

Light two **blue candles** and then the **pink candle**.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Unison: God, surely you are our salvation. We begin this day without fear, trusting you, for you are our strength and salvation. Help us to meditate all day on the thought that you are rejoicing in us! And keep us keenly aware, as we travel through this day, of ways that we may help others, especially those with special needs. Then bring us home to you at the close of the day. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Harold Friedell

“Song of Mary”
First Methodist Vocal Ensemble
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist

KIDS’ MESSAGE:

Pastor Bob

Children 12 and under may come to the chancel area. Parents: If your little one needs some encouragement, please feel free to come and sit with them.

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PRAYER HYMN: ***“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”***
Red Hymnal All 3 Verses

No. 216

MORNING PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bob

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 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Zephaniah 3:14-20

THE MESSAGE

“Rejoice! Exult! Sing!”
Reverend Robert Trask, preaching



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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING CALL

Pastor Bob

Please pass the Friendship Pads so all may sign and know with whom they worship today. Please return to the center aisle. Thank you!

OFFERTORY:

“Mary, Did You Know”

Cindi Reid, clarinet

Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist

*DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise *God*, all creatures here be-low;
praise *God* a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

*THE OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Bob

SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*CLOSING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

No. 224

Red Hymnal 3 Verses

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Bob Trask

*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

“Emmanuel”

No. 204

*POSTLUDE:

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

Lani Smith

Bruce R Gingrich, Director of Music Ministries/Organist



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Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ *We thank God for your presence this morning with us!* If you are a **visitor or college student**, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** found in the attendance pad on the pew at the center aisle and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to take a **Welcome Brochure**.
- ◆ **Children** are important to us and we strive to include them in worship. Children's activity bags are available from an usher for quiet activity during the service. A children's message is offered during the service, please come forward when invited by the pastor. Also, a staffed nursery is available for children.
- ◆ **Restrooms** are located on the lower level, below the sanctuary, or upstairs in the lobby of Oxford Center (through the door to the left of the chancel). Accessible restrooms are on the first floor (level L) near the elevator.
- ◆ **Personal listening devices are available for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service!** You may use a headset provided by the church or plug your own headset (with a 1/8" audio jack) into one of the church's portable receivers. Please see an usher for assistance.
- ◆ On Sunday, December 19th please bring your Thanksgiving offering and your pledge cards for the upcoming year. We will be blessing them both as part of our worship that day.

UMW Annual Christmas Cookie Walk, Sunday, December 19, 2021

Calling all bakers, please consider baking a few dozen cookies for this annual event.

After the 10:30am service join us in Fellowship Hall to pick out your cookie selection to take home. Once you have filled your box, you will pay by weight. We will be following standard COVID procedures. Any questions regarding cookie donations or this event, please call Donna Burkhart at (814)866-2781, or email dlb4813@roadrunner.com.

United Methodist Women are collecting purchased hats, scarves and mittens for the Bethany Outreach Center. The items can be hand knitted or store bought. There is a collection bin in the library off Fellowship Hall. Donations will be collected until Dec. 19th. Please call Donna Burkhart at 814-866-2781 or email to dlb4813@roadrunner.com

MISSIONS COMMITTEE THANKS YOU FOR THE 47 TEDDY BEARS LAST WEEK!

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Two Week Calendar

December 12, 2021 to December 25, 2021

<i>This Week</i>				<i>Next Week</i>			
Dec. Sun	12	9:00 am Light for the City Svc. 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 1:30 pm Victory Church/Oxford <i>2nd Sunday Lunch</i>		Dec. Sun	19	9:00 am Light for the City Svc. 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 1:30 pm Victory Church/Oxford 11:30 am <i>Cookie Walk</i>	
Mon	13	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)		Mon	20	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)	
Tue	14	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class 12:00 Noon Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)		Tue	21	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class 7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)	
Wed	15	10:00 am Book Study		Wed	22	10:00 am Book Study	
Thu	16	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall		Thu	23	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall	
Fri	17	12:30pm EHCA Fellowship Hall		Fri	24	6:45 pm Music of Christmas 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	
Sat	18			Sat	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	

2nd Sunday Lunch, December 12, 2021

Assorted Soups and Sandwiches, Salad & Dessert will be served.

Please bring a bag of Dog or Cat Food as a donation to The Anna Shelter.

Prayer List:

Ryan Raybuck (Medical issues) Priscilla Ferebee (heart issues), Tina Iddings, Carol Lee Restifo, (medical issues), Valerie Radtke (medical issues). Adam and Amanda Sturgis (Flo Sturgis' grandson and granddaughter-in-law). Ida Sweet and Joyce Mayer (medical issues) Louise Stewart & those suffering from loneliness. Jim Schemer (covid and double pneumonia).

In the Military: Michael Reim, Alec Nolan, Cody Nolan, Ben Rea, Dustin Witsch

Flowers on the altar:

Greeter at Brauns Doors: Carol Wright

10:30 a.m. Worship Volunteers:			Birthdays this week	
	This Week	Next Week		
			12/15	Megan Cortina
Liturgist	Donna Burkhart	Bob Rodgers	12/16	Natalie Lasky
Acolyte	Megan Whitehill	Azath Siwakoti	12/17	Michael Christiansen
Projectionist	Elliott Arndt	Azath Siwakoti		
Sound	Bob Rodgers	Bob Rodgers		

Live Stream, Radio Broadcast, DVD, & Podcast: Worship with us live on-line at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at [facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/) or after-the-fact on the church's **YouTube** channel. Or listen to the entire 10:30 a.m. service tonight on Gannon radio **WERG 90.5 FM** at 7:00 p.m. also simulcast on the radio station's live web feed. Or receive via mail a **DVD** of the 10:30 a.m. service by contacting the church office. Or listen to recent sermons at anytime on the church's **Podcast page: [fumcerie.podbean.com](https://www.fumcerie.podbean.com)**.

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